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### Zia declares

## Coup bid insignificant; retired officer on trial

ISLAMABAD, March 18 (R) — Pakistan's military ruler Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq has admitted there had been a conspiracy to overthrow him but dismissed the attempt as insignificant.

"By itself it was nothing. An individual has subjected himself to the mischief of law and we will deal with him according to the law," Zia said.

The government told the Punjab High Court last Saturday that a retired Maj-Gen Tajammul Hussain, had been arrested and charged with attempting to turn members of the armed forces against Pakistan's military rulers.

Zia also announced that six senior generals in his government had been relieved of their military responsibilities and would devote themselves solely to their government duties.

## King accepts ambassadors' credentials

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — King Khalid received credentials Tuesday of the Pakistani, Moroccan, Norwegian and Nepalese ambassadors at the royal palace in Mazar.

The new ambassadors are: Najmul Saqib Khan of Pakistan, Muhammad Al-Arabi Al-Imi of Morocco, Jan Estem of Norway and Kidara Brassad Koirala of Nepal.

The meetings were attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud; Sheikh Muhammad Al-Nuwaiser, head of the royal cabinet; Ahmad Abdul Wahab, head of the royal protocol; Saleem Sumbul, head of foreign ministry protocol; and Gen. Abdullah Al-Basili, commander of the royal guard.

Meanwhile, the new Brazilian ambassador to the Kingdom, Celso Diniz, arrived in Jeddah Monday. He was received by Hussain Marzouk, assistant chief of foreign ministry protocol.

## United States asks China to present Afghan views

WASHINGTON, March 18 (R) — The United States has invited China's views on ways to counter Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in discussions here between Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Wenjin and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

U.S. officials said that during talks Monday Zhang repeated Peking's line that Moscow had been drawn into an expensive and futile military venture in Afghanistan.

These officials said the talks would set the stage for a response of "independent but mutual reinforcing actions" to the Soviet incursion that would come later.

Zhang lunched with Vance after a meeting with Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Matthew Nimetz, undersecretary for security assistance.

Tuesday Zhang met Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and leaders of Congress.

U.S. officials are also seeking details on China's proposed aid program for Pakistan, which shares a tense border with Afghanistan.

In Tokyo Japan and China agreed that the Soviet Union should withdraw its troops immediately from Afghanistan, Japanese foreign ministry sources said.

The position was reached on the second and last day of a consultative meeting between

working-level officials of the Japanese and Chinese foreign ministries.

Vice Foreign Minister Han Nianlong, heading the Chinese delegation, said the Soviet Union should immediately and unconditionally withdraw from Afghanistan and leave Afghanistan's domestic affairs in the hands of the Afghan people, the sources said.

Han also said China was opposed to the neutralization of Afghanistan, a British proposal backed by the other members of the European Economic Community and generally supported by Washington, because it would give the Soviet Union what he called an excuse for prolonged military intervention, the sources said.

The Japanese side, commenting on the neutralization idea, said it was ready to study it if it would help an early Soviet withdrawal and self-determination for the Afghan people.

Meanwhile, the Washington Post said the Carter administration was expected to announce tighter restrictions on sales of technology to the Soviet Union in response to Moscow's push into Afghanistan.

Quoting administration officials, the newspaper said the controls would limit sales not only of high-technology goods of potential military value but also industrial know-how that might have defense applications.

## Panel to form new ruling system

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 18 — The royal Cabinet has announced the formation of a committee to draw up plans for a new system of government, a consultative council and a provincial system for the country.

The plans of the committee, chaired by Interior Minister Prince Naif, will then be submitted for approval and implementation.

Other members of the committee are Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Muhammad Al Sheikh, Labor and Welfare Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al Anqari, Pilgrimage and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Waseel, Minister of State Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Masood, State Minister Dr. Muhammad Al Milhem, Chairman of the Board of Grievances Sheikh Muhammad ibn Jubair, Member of the Board of Ulema and Supreme Council of Judiciary Sheikh Saleh Al Luhaidan and Minister of State Sheikh Saleh Al Hussain.

The committee was requested to complete its deliberations and submit the final plans as soon as possible.

In interviews with newspapers and news agencies, Crown Prince Fahd has said the government is intent on drawing plans for a system of government based on the Koran and the principles of Islam.

He told an Arabic magazine last January that the "matter has been in our minds for a long time and we are greater to study it carefully and comprehensively. What you call a constitution, we call the basic



Crown Prince Fahd

system of rule. We have completed most of its 200 articles, all of which are derived from Islamic legislation."

He said, then he expected the project to be completed in two months. "Together with the basic system of rule there will be an announcement about the consultative council which will be complementary to the council of ministers." He also made it clear that the changes will not involve only personalities, but also new government concepts.

Since the reign of King Abdul Aziz began, in 1932, Saudi Arabia has strictly adhered to Islamic principles of government and conduct. However, it has not hesitated from applying new ideas that were considered in the public interest.

Islam, which gives the ruler wide powers provided he is irreproachably good and benevolent, allows the ruler to undertake reforms deemed to be in the "public interest" after consultations with

other national leaders.

Members of this consultative council, are selected according to a strict code of conduct and career in public service and are expected to tell the ruler when he might have made a mistake and guide him back to the right path.

Since King Abdul Aziz, the government of Saudi Arabia, under his son Saud and later King Faisal and presently King Khalid, has continuously improved and expanded the concept of government. New ministries and departments have been instituted. Financial regulations, telecommunications services and other modern facilities have been deemed in the public interest.

The cabinet usually assigns a committee to study a proposed innovation. This study is debated before it is submitted for the King's approval. If the King finds the project in the public interest, he approves it. The first basic system of government,

within the teachings of Islam, was formulated by King Faisal in May 1958 while still prime minister under his brother King Saud. In Western terms, this was the first constitution. It introduced the modern system of government without lessening the prerogatives of the King. Portfolios were created, ministerial responsibility to the prime minister, and the prime minister's accountability to the King were firmly established. If the prime minister resigned, his cabinet followed suit.

Faisal's constitution, called the fundamental system of the state, defined the relationships between the King and his prime minister. The King remained the ruler, adviser and guiding spirit, but the prime minister and his cabinet were given a free hand in interpreting and implementing orders.

Under this system, ministers were forbidden to take other jobs while in office or buy or hire state property. Ministers are not permitted to rent property to the state, undertake any financial enterprise or become a company board member. The prime minister was empowered to fire any minister after obtaining the King's permission.

The state's finances were protected against waste and misuse by giving the prime minister adequate powers to control the inflow and outflow of state funds.

The constitution was amended after King Faisal ascended to the throne and became prime minister, although he often deputized Prince Fahd to preside over cabinet meetings.

### Secret CIA study concludes

## U.S. should support Palestinian state

TEL AVIV, March 18 (Agencies) — A secret study by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency concludes that the United States should work for a Palestinian state to gain Arab support for a pro-Western security alliance in the Middle East, an Israeli newspaper reported Tuesday.

The Washington correspondent of the *Masur* newspaper wrote that the report was prepared several months ago when the administration of President Jimmy Carter initiated efforts to establish an anti-Soviet alliance in the Gulf in the wake of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the Iranian revolution.

According to the newspaper report, the CIA concluded that Arab leaders would not be satisfied with the autonomous Palestinian authority now being negotiated among Israel, Egypt and the United States as a solution to the Palestinian issue.

Officials in Tel Aviv said Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron would be instructed to bring up the reported CIA study with the administration.

*Masur* referred to sources in Washington

as saying the CIA report was based entirely on published material, such as the statements of Arab leaders or editorial comment from Mideast newspapers.

But Prime Minister Menachem Begin Tuesday condemned a Western European initiative on the Middle East as damaging to peace, a government spokesman said.

Begin, speaking to West Germany's Research and Technology Minister Volker Hauff, said European recognition of the Palestinian right to self-determination made peace negotiations more difficult.

French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, during his recent tour of the Gulf, called for Palestinian self-determination and his call has been backed by several Common Market nations.

The spokesman said Hauff told the Israeli premier that West German recognition of the Palestinian right to self-determination was not new. He said, however, that West Germany did not intend to push an initiative before the May 26 deadline for the completion of negotiations on Palestinian self-rule in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza

Strip.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg told reporters that Cairo and Washington had accepted an Israeli proposal that he meet more frequently with their top negotiators. An Israeli source has said that Burg suggested meetings several times a week, instead of once or twice a month as had been done up to now.

Begin claimed Egypt's proposal that Arabs living in east Jerusalem participate in Palestinian elections was contrary to the Camp David agreements, because it meant redrawing of the city between Israel and the West Bank.

The next round of negotiations is to be next week in Cairo, although an exact date has not yet been announced.

"No one is interested in slowing down the negotiations," Burg said. He also said that new Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir would take an active role in the talks. Shamir's predecessor, Moshe Dayan, was nominally on the negotiating team but refused to participate in the talks because he disagreed with Israel's negotiating line.



USELESS: A member of the ecological organization "Greenpeace" sprays baby harp seals with indelible dye, rendering their prized pelts useless to Canadian and Norwegian fur hunters who will soon begin killing an estimated 195,000 seal pups for their skins.

## Italy, Iraq nuclear sale worries U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP) — The United States has objected to Italy about a "very worrisome" sale of sensitive nuclear technology to Iraq, State Department officials said Monday.

The sale of a "Hot Cell" laboratory could put Iraq on the road to becoming a nuclear weapons producer, said officials who asked not to be identified. But they added that Iraq does not appear likely to be able to explode a nuclear device for several years.

The officials said the Italian government has thus far been "indifferent" to the nuclear proliferation dangers of its nuclear cooperation with Iraq. "So far, our objections have not been successful, but I believe we have gotten their attention," one official said.

The officials described the "Hot Cell" as a small, lead-shielded laboratory that can be outfitted for small-scale reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel to extract plutonium.

Nuclear fuel is not usable in nuclear weapons, but once it has been used in a nuclear reactor its chemical composition changes and a small amount of plutonium is present. If

the plutonium can be separated, it can be readily made into a nuclear explosive.

Iraq, the officials said, has an active, but as yet unsophisticated nuclear research program. The Iraqis have a small research reactor that could not be used for reprocessing.

The officials said the Iraqi program is particularly worrisome to the United States because Iraq is a militant, often-radical Arab state which pays little attention to Western views on any subject, including the desirability of limiting the number of nations which produce nuclear weapons.

U.S. officials have cited the volatile Middle East, which lives under a constant threat of war, as a particularly dangerous area for nuclear proliferation.

Officials feel that Israel, if it does not already possess nuclear weapons, is capable of producing them on short notice. Some Islamic states are scrambling to match or surpass that perceived capability.

Libya is an avid purchaser of nuclear technology. Pakistan is believed to be well on its way to produce a bomb, and the United States last year severed military and economic aid programs because of Pakistan's determination to continue its nuclear program.

## Rightists shell Lebanese village

SIDON, March 18 (R) — Israeli-backed rightist militiamen Tuesday shelled a village near the South Lebanese port of Sidon and threatened more bombardments.

It was the fourth successive day of artillery attacks by the militiamen who control a 10 km (six mile) wide strip of territory along the border with Israel. No casualties were reported.

But in the historic southern town of Tyre, the death toll from an artillery bombardment by rightist gunners Monday rose to four when one of the wounded died.

Shops and schools in Tyre were closed and roads cut with blazing fires as a protest. Most of the dead and wounded in the attack were children.

A militia broadcast heard here quoted a rightist military spokesman as saying there would be more attacks around the Sidon area unless electricity was supplied to the border enclave.

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## Fahd cables Al-Harakan

# Endowments ministers receive thanks

MECCA, March 18 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd expressed his thanks and appreciation Tuesday to delegates of the second Conference of Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs that concluded here last Tuesday.

In a cable to Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, Prince Fahd wished the delegates every success in serving Islam and Muslim causes.

The conference opened Tuesday, March 8,

in Solidarity Hall under the chairmanship of Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie. The Ministry of Endowments thanked the Ministry of Information for the decision to regulate the location of stores selling, renting or recording cassettes, video tapes or films. The Information Ministry's decision called for moving the shops away from mosques also.

Sheikh Wahab said the regulations reserve the sanctity of mosques and provides the prayers quiet, security and suitable atmosphere.

phere.

In addition, the Ministers of Endowments decided to preserve King Khaled's opening statement as one of the documents of the conference.

In answer to Egypt's peace efforts with Israel, the Conference suspended Egypt's membership "until the Egyptian regime returns to the Islamic fold, stops dealing with the Zionist enemy and gives up the Camp David Accords." The suspension came in a unanimous vote by the ministers.

However, the main issue discussed at the conference centered around Jerusalem. Addressing the conference on behalf of Habib Chatti, the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Zafarul Islam said that it was a lucky coincidence that two conferences, one organized by the Muslim World League here, and the other by the OIC in Morocco, are discussing the issue of Jerusalem. Habib Chatti was unable to attend the Mecca conference because he was busy with the Jerusalem Fund under the chairmanship of King Hassan.

He added that while the Ulama and freedom fighters were condemned to death and hung in public squares and innocent civilians were killed with poisoning gas in mountains and valleys in Afghanistan, other atrocious crimes were committed against their Muslim brothers in Palestine, especially the Ibrahim Mosque along the same style witnessed everywhere in occupied Jerusalem.

Zafar had talked about the particular practice carried out by the Zionist occupation authorities which consists of harassing Muslims and preventing or banning them from performing prayers.

But he said that it was thanks to God and to the Muslim struggle that the Palestinian issue which was taken lightly by most nations in the past has now become the prime matter of concern to world public opinion. He cited as an evidence the latest resolution adopted unanimously by the U.N. Security Council calling on Israel to dismantle its settlements in the occupied Arab territories.

## Hasa expansion of telephones nears finish

HASA, March 18 (SPA) — Hasa's automatic telephone exchange center, which will be completed next year, will have 9,000 lines. Abdul Aziz Ali Al-Fawzan, director of Hasa telephones, said 40 telephone booths are being installed on major streets of Hofuf and Al Mabraz.

More than 3,000 telephones are being installed for citizens who benefited from recent expansion in the area. A telephone exchange was opened recently at Al Sbooba village and two others will soon be provided at Al Matirni and Al Jafr to serve residents of the northern and eastern villages.

## Saudi ambassadors hold bilateral talks

SANAA, March 18 (SPA) — North Yemeni Premier Abdul Aziz Abdul Gbazi Tuesday conferred with Saudi Ambassador Trad Al-Harethi. Talks dealt with means of fostering bilateral relations.

In Dubai, Sheikh Rashid bin Said Al-Maktoum, vice president of the United Arab Emirates and prime minister, conferred in the morning with Sheikh Muhammad Mansour Al-Rumaidh, the Saudi ambassador to the UAE. They discussed bilateral ties.

## Saudi Comment

By Abdullah Muhammad Hariri

**Al Nadwa**  
The traffic department, like others in the government, sends its officials on trips overseas to learn the latest developments in science and technology. But my observation is that the men who go abroad learn more about foreign tourist attractions than about their chosen profession.

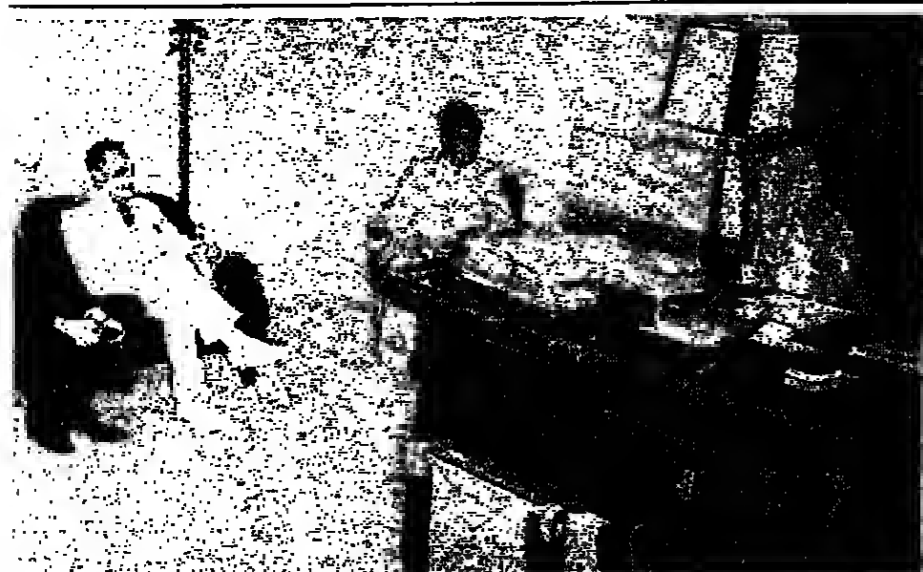
For instance, the process of numbering the uniforms of policemen and non-commissioned officers has yet to be carried back here by the government travelers. My memory tells me such a project came up for discussion a couple of years ago, but a study on it has not been completed so far. I wonder why such numbering isn't implemented. Is it too unimportant to be given a try?

Traffic officials have been receiving numerous complaints from the public about traffic police confiscating licenses and car registration permits and issuing drivers a ticket in return. After the driver pays the fine in court and completes the related formalities, he faces the problem of finding the official who had taken of his documents. Upon enquiry, he is asked to describe the official's features, which does not help, for many may have identical features.

The confusing circumstances would be eliminated if the official's uniform were numbered. It would be easier to locate the officer and have the car documents restored to their owner. It must be mentioned too, that the withdrawal of licenses and car permits is officially prohibited. Still the practice finds favor with officials.

Since the Director of Public Security, Maj. Gen. Abdullah Al Sheikh, is keen to upgrade the security machinery using useful foreign methods, I should like to stress to him the importance of numbering the traffic officials' uniforms. Numbers for each man would make easier the implementation of official orders. I feel the numbering method should be extended to the wireless patrol officials, the flying squad and the ordinary policemen, since they all have a direct link with the public.

There is, however, no doubt that Interior Minister Prince Naif and his deputy Prince Ahmed continue to give the security departments their support and concern under the supervision and directives of the country's wise leadership.



(SPA photo)

MEETS COMMANDER: Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Moneem in his meeting with the commander of the French Navy in the Indian Ocean.



(SPA photo)

INSPECTS PROJECT: Sheikh Kamel Sindhi, advisor to the minister of defense and aviation, during visit to the site of Riyadh's new airport.



(SPA photo)

HONORS RECTOR: Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi at a reception he gave in honor of Dr. Abdullah Nassif, the rector of King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah.

## Industry week committee to meet

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — The Committee of the National Industry Week will hold a second meeting next month to complete discussions on the guidelines for holding the week. It held its first meeting Saturday under the chairmanship of Dr. Ghazi Algasabi, the minister of industry and electricity.

The National Industry Week will be held in

November. Celebrations will be organized during the week to display models of the national industry. The ideal industry will be awarded the King Khaled prize, and other prizes will be given to ideal workers, it was decided Saturday.

The public was invited to visit the industrial areas, and a permanent exhibition for national products will be established at the Ministry of Industry and Electricity.

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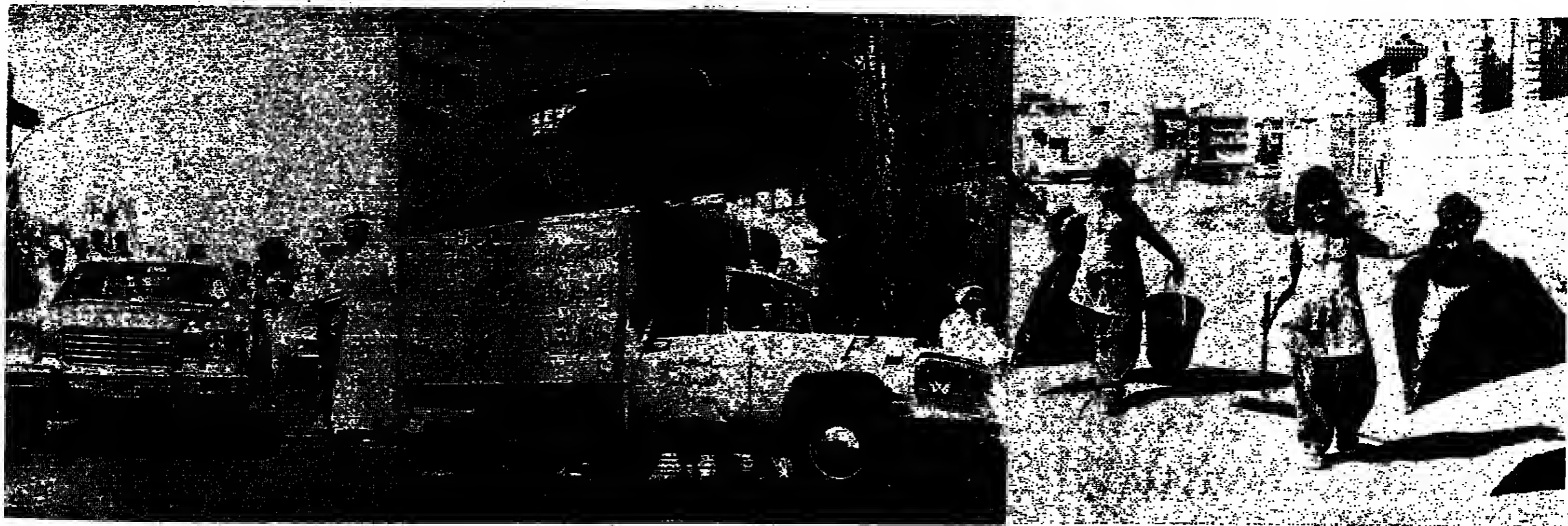
## Clean-up week hits high point in Jeddah

JEDDAH, March 18 — A truck travels along the street with a model of a large fly being sprayed by insect spray — on the side of the truck a sign warns "Wash vegetables before eating."

Youths carry plastic trash bags and fill them to the brim with waste from alleys and driveways. City workers in blue jumpsuits clean the streets in many parts of town.

The week has been designated as clean up week by the city and many projects have been undertaken to stress the advantages of cleanliness and hygiene. Deputy Mayor Hassan Hajra has worked overtime supervising projects around the city. He also has appealed to private companies to help clean up their messes.

The massive clean-up effort lasts until Saturday.



By Agriculture minister

## Desalination technology featured at lecture

JEDDAH, March 18 (SPA) — The seminar on "Technology of Saline Water Desalination" opened here at the Faculty of Engineering at King Abdul Aziz University Tuesday. The lecture is presented by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water.

In addition, specialists in desalination technology from the University of Glasgow and other officials from Saudi Arabian Universities with interests in this field took part in the program.

Dr. Abdul Rahman expressed hope that the seminar would reach a strategy to cope with the present difficulties in desalination and confirmed that this ministry is working seriously to improve the standard of farmers and agriculture in the Kingdom parallel to the development in other fields.

Desalination of saline water is a large concern of officials in the Kingdom as a result of a scarcity of fresh water. As a consequence desalination programs have been the target of many efforts.

In March, 1979, King Khaled turned the valve to release the first gushes of water from the Jeddah III desalination plant. At the time the \$400 million plant more than doubled Jeddah's supply of water. Since then efforts by the Director of Water and Agriculture in the Western Province have brought about a supply of water to the entire city. As recently

as one month ago, Jeddah Water Works has to alternate the pumping of water to half of the city at a time.

Jeddah III was built for the Saline Water Conversion Corporation by a consortium headed by Kraftwerk Union AG of West Germany, and provides 23 million gallons of water a day.

In addition Jeddah IV is underway. Upon



Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh

its completion, Jeddah IV will bring 85 million gallons of water to the city. According to Asad Jamjoom, the water works director, this is to fulfill the needs of the people in their daily requirements as well as provide a water

base for the growing industries.

The Eastern Province has its taste geared up for the desalinated water also. In April, 1979, King Khaled also ratified plans for a major project supplying water to Dammam, Al-Khobar and Dhahran and smaller towns in the Eastern Province.

The Al-Khobar II desalination project will provide 60 million gallons a day of water and 750 megawatts of power. The onset of desalinated water will not only relieve the Kingdom of its thirst, but will permit water taken from Wadis and routed to the cities to be returned to agricultural uses.

Presently, the water received by Jeddah is partly from Wadi Fatimah and Wadi Khulays. The remainder is supplied by the desalination factory.

## Dammam begins tree planting

DAMMAM, March 18 (SPA) — A tree planting week will be opened here Wednesday by acting Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Muhammad bin Fahd bin Jiluwi. The week is organized by the Youth Welfare Bureau of the Eastern Province in coordination with government departments and students of intermediate and secondary schools. They will plant 6,000 trees of various types.

## WEATHER

Temperatures will drop in the northern, central and eastern regions. It will remain moderate in the western region.

Winds will be northerly to north-westerly in the northern, central and eastern region. They will be moderate and may cause light dust. And they will be north-westerly in the western region.

Low and medium cloud will cover parts of the eastern, central and south-western regions, bringing scattered showers.

Seas will be calm to moderate.

Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	35	21
Jeddah	31	22
Riyadh	33	20
Dhahran	28	19
Medina	31	20
Taif	28	15
Jizan	33	27
Hail	23	09
Turaif	15	06
Qaisumah	29	16
Sulayyil	40	20
Abha	25	13

## BRIEFS

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — Australian Deputy Premier and Minister of Commerce and Resources, G.D. Antony, arrived here Tuesday evening for talks with Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, minister of commerce. Their talks will deal with promoting economic and commercial cooperation between the two countries. Dr. Solaim received the Australian official at the airport. They will effect the final signature of the economic and technical cooperation agreement between the Kingdom and Australia.

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteb, the acting minister of municipal and rural affairs agreed to award an SR12.9 million contract to a Saudi Arabian company. It calls for asphalt and illuminating the second phase of Riyadh street in Unaiza. The second phase, 8 kilometers long, is to be completed in 12 months under the contract.

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussain Al-Jazairi met with the Danish health delegation Tuesday. They discussed promoting health cooperation between the two countries. The meeting was attended by Poul Sondergaard, ambassador of Denmark to the Kingdom. The Danish

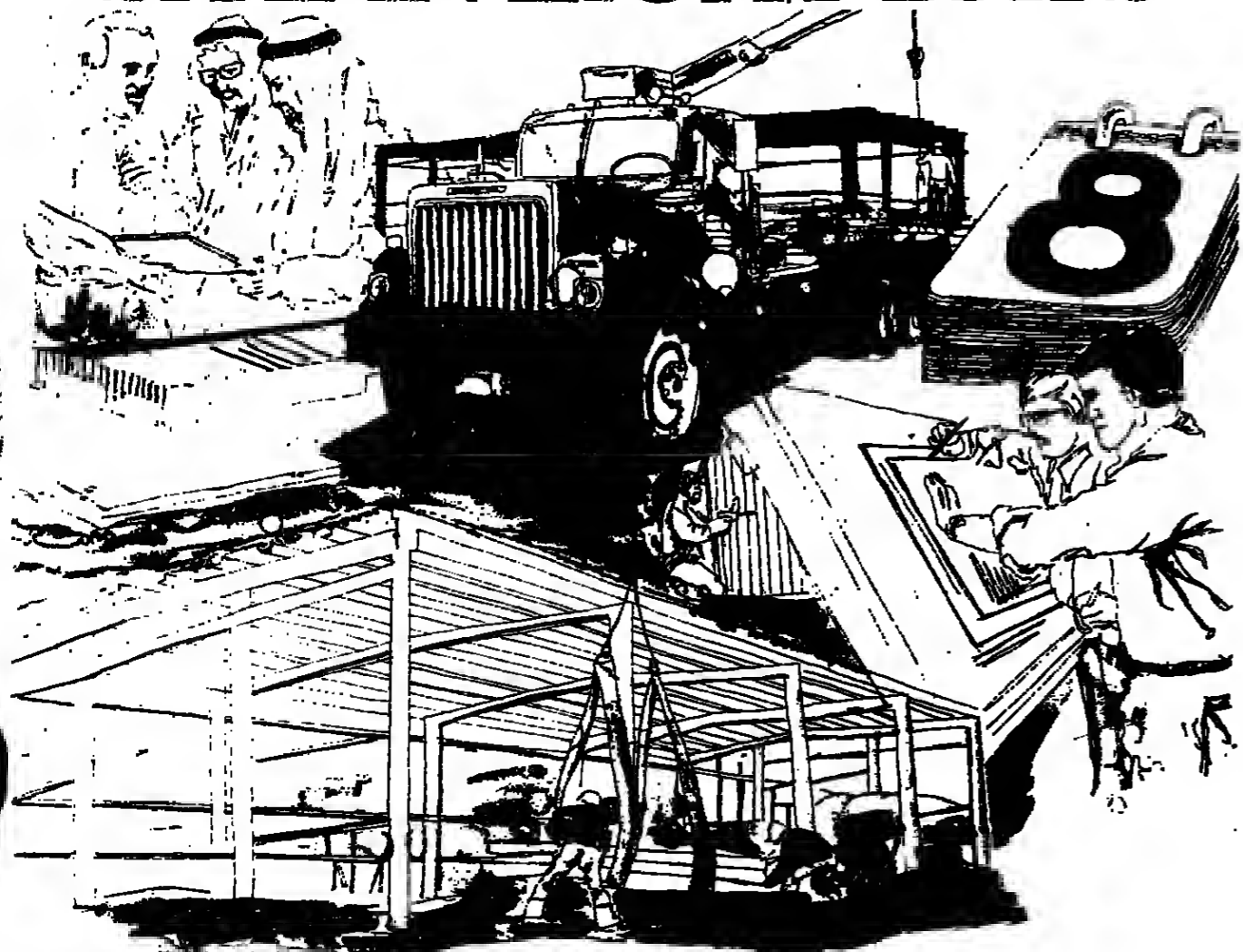
delegation arrived here Tuesday morning from Jeddah as part of their visit to Saudi Arabia.

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — Dr. Muhammad Badawi Al-Makhtout, lecturer at the Faculty of Arabic Language in Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, will give a lecture on "The relation between Jurisprudence and Grammar" on Sunday. It will be held at the Faculty of Sharia.

JEDDAH, March 18 (SPA) — Acting Governor of Mecca, Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen will open the Australian exhibition here Sunday in the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Fifty leading Australian companies will take part in the five-day exhibition, which contains dairy products, fruits, frozen meats, oils, office equipment, navigation services, vehicle spare parts, industrial safety products and sanitary equipment.

HASA, March 18 (SPA) — The Girls' Education Department of Hasa announced Tuesday that registration of beginners for the academic year 1980-1981 will start March 30. It called on parents and guardians to call for the registration accompanied by the students.

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## Commandos can attack Israel from Syria, Assad declares

DAMASCUS, March 18 (Agencies) — Syria's territory is open to the Palestinian commandos for cross-border raids against Israel, President Hafez Assad was quoted Tuesday as declaring.

"President Assad has even wondered why the (Palestinian) commandos are not making use of this opportunity, although Syria is supporting them and giving them a lot of facilities," an official source quoted the Syrian leader as saying.

Other sources said Assad has told Palestinian leaders during recent meetings that the Golan Heights, the border with Israel

"always have been and will remain open to them to launch commando operations against Israel."

The Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Rai Al-Am* also has quoted unnamed Syrian officials as allowing the Palestinians to mount attacks against Israel through the Golan Heights.

Commandos have been forbidden to operate against Israel from bases within Syria since 1975, when U.N. truce observers were deployed along the ceasefire line in the Golan plateau.

Earlier Monday Assad renewed his attacks against the United States and reactionaries and called for the deepening of socialism in his country.

He was addressing an emergency conference of the National Federation of Students attended by Prime Minister Abdul-Raouf Al-Kasm, cabinet ministers, and about 10,000 students.

Assad said that reactionaries in Syria were trying to reverse the march of history in order to recover the privileges they had lost and exploit the people with the help of foreign powers.

The conference adopted a resolution calling for the formation of armed detachments to defend the revolution and to fight against saboteurs and reaction. Such detachments have already been formed by workers, peasants and trade unions.

"They (reactionaries) are assassinating religious leaders, army officers and students to weaken the country politically, militarily and economically, thus serving United States and Israeli plans," Assad said.

He added "We are now facing an American-Israeli aggression through their agents. We are now confronting that aggression which will backfire against its perpetrators and those who are carrying it out."

"The United States does not want us to build our country, blocks our progress and wants our armed forces to remain weak. It further does not want peace in the Middle East but capitulation in Israel's interests," Assad said.

He told the students that reaction can only be defeated by deepening socialism in the country. "And our people will be the only eventual victor," he said.

## Sudan, UAE laud Europe's stand on Palestinians

ABU DHABI, March 18 (R) — The presidents of Sudan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Tuesday praised Europe's stand on the Palestinian problem and agreed to keep the Gulf clear of international conflicts, the UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah al-Nuaimi said.

Al-Nuaimi told the official Emirates News Agency that Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiri and UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan al-Nahayan had reviewed a wide range of Arab and international affairs in two rounds of talks Tuesday and Monday.

He said they had in particular welcomed French President Giscard d'Estaing's recent endorsement of the Palestinians' right to self-determination, announced at the start of a tour of Arab states including the UAE.

Al-Nuaimi said the two presidents had also discussed the Gulf and agreed the area should be kept clear of international conflicts.

Numeiri who arrived Monday from Saudi Arabia on a three-day visit to the UAE, is accompanied by his foreign minister, El-Rasheed el-Tahir Bakr, and other senior officials.

## Sonoda calls on Japan to propose special declaration on M.E. peace

TOKYO, March 18 (R) — Former Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda said Tuesday that Japan should propose a special declaration on an overall Middle East peace at a Venice summit of non-Communist industrial states in June.

Such a proposal could be co-sponsored by France in view of French President Giscard d'Estaing's recent call for Palestinian self-determination and participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in Middle East peace talks, he said.

## Polisario suffers enormous losses

RABAT, March 18 (R) — Moroccan armed forces are fighting a major battle against Polisario Front guerrillas in south Morocco near the Algerian frontier, Morocco's government radio has announced.

The radio Monday said Moroccan forces were engaged in a big mop-up operation near the southern Moroccan stronghold of Zag and the Polisario guerrillas had suffered "enormous losses" in men and material.

The Moroccan air force took part in the operations and had destroyed dozens of Polisario vehicles, the radio said. The operation was continuing and the guerrillas were being pursued.

die East peace talks, he said. Sonoda was addressing the National Press Club here after visiting the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent as a special envoy of Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira, following the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

The Venice meeting will be attended by leaders of the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Japan, Canada and Italy. Sonoda said the Camp David peace agreement between Israel and Egypt should be seen as the first step toward overall peace in the Middle East.

"Palestinian problems are important, but a solution of the problem is not a key to overall peace. Israeli problems must be solved first," he said.

Sonoda said he was optimistic that PLO leader Yasser Arafat would accept an invitation by a group of parliamentarians to visit Japan, although Arafat has said he would go to Tokyo only at the invitation of the government.

The invitation, extended last month, said Ohira and Foreign Minister Saburo Okita are ready to meet Arafat in Tokyo.

Although Japan does not officially recognize the PLO, the government regards it as the legitimate representative of Palestinians with a right to establish its own state.



BLAST: A view of the booby-trapped car which exploded near the passing car of former Lebanese President Camille Chamoun in Beirut last week, killing one of his bodyguards and wounding three others. Chamoun himself escaped with minor facial bruises.

## Over election of president

## Turkey is braced for new political crisis

ANKARA, March 18 (AP) — A possible new political crisis looms in Turkey over the election of a president, a largely ceremonial post.

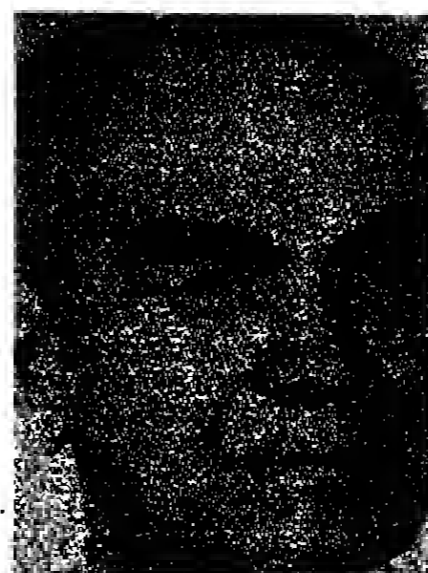
The term of President Fahri Koruturk, 77, expires on April 6 and under the constitution, a joint session of the bicameral parliament must meet two weeks before that date, this Saturday, to elect a new head of state.

But five days before the balloting, Turkey's political parties had no individual candidates for the post. They also refused to set aside feuds and negotiate for a joint candidate.

Turkish presidents are elected by members of the legislature for a seven-year term. In the first two ballots, a two-third majority of 423 votes is necessary for election; after this, a solid majority of 318 votes is sufficient.

The new president to be elected will be the seventh holder of the post since the foundation of the Turkish republic in 1923. The first was Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the modern Turkish state and its chief executive for 15 years, until his death in 1938.

Under the 1960 constitution, a strong presidency was eliminated and executive power



President Koruturk

was shifted to the prime minister. Presidents now have limited political authority but considerable moral prestige.

The president names the prime minister and can veto laws. But the parliament can nullify the veto. He is also commander of the Turkish armed forces and traditionally serves as liaison between Turkey's civilian and military leaderships.

Accordingly, all past presidents, with one exception, have come from military backgrounds. Koruturk was commander of the Turkish navy before his appointment as senator from a presidential contingent of 15 senate seats.

Koruturk was elected as a compromise candidate of the party chiefs and military leaders following a 25-day parliamentary deadlock over the election in 1973.

If a new president is not elected by the time the previous one's term expires, the chairman of the senate assumes the role of acting president.

Among those mentioned as possible presidential candidates are the chairman of the senate, Ihsan Sabri Caglayangib of the ruling Justice Party, and the house speaker, Cahit Karakas of the main opposition Republican People's Party. Several independent senators have also been listed as possibilities.

## Jerusalem blast claimed by commandos

DAMASCUS, March 18 (Agencies) — Palestinian commandos said here Monday night they killed or wounded an undetermined number of Israelis Monday with a time bomb in a military transport station near Jerusalem.

The Palestine news agency Wafa quoted a spokesman as saying the blast also caused material damage and disrupted the power plant in the Kiryat Yuval suburb.

The commandos returned safely to base in Israel, he said.

In Tel Aviv, police said a time bomb explosion in a Jerusalem suburb street Monday caused "no casualties" but "some" damage to nearby shops and residential buildings.

Meanwhile, an Israeli military court has given life sentences to three commandos captured last August after a clash with an Israeli patrol boat off the Mediterranean coast.

The army spokesman Tuesday identified the three as Haled Sabri Shahin, 24, and Muhammad Dib Mansour, 19, both of Syria, and Hamzi Muhammad Dinari, 25, of Pakistan. They were said to be members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

They were convicted of attempting to land in Israel on a mission and the stiff sentence was handed down Monday, the spokesman said.

## Israeli group arrives in Cairo for oil talks

CAIRO, March 18 (R) — An Israeli oil delegation arrived here on a three-day visit Monday to discuss details of Israel's purchases of Egyptian oil.

Egypt has promised Israel two million tons of oil a year at an undisclosed price. Oil ministry sources said that during its three-day visit, the delegation would discuss dates of deliveries.

Israel handed over the Sinai Alma oil fields to Egypt last November under the terms of their peace treaty.

Israel produced about 40,000 barrels a day of oil from the fields but Egypt has cut the production by half.

## N.Yemen official holds Syria talks

DAMASCUS, March 18 (R) — North Yemen's Deputy Prime Minister Hassan Makki has discussed Middle East and Arab developments with Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, official sources said Tuesday.

Makki arrived here Monday night from Libya on his way to Sanaa and talked with Khaddam for two hours.

He said the talks were part of consultations on bilateral relations and pressing Arab developments.

"We hope to have unified views following the normalization of Israel's relations with the Egyptian regime," Makki said.

## Ethiopian air raids kill 33, Somalia says

NAIROBI, March 18 (Agencies) — Ethiopian warplanes reportedly bombed four towns in Somalia, killing 33 persons and seriously injuring six others, official Somali radio said Tuesday.

The report, quoting a Somali Defense Ministry statement, said the attacks occurred earlier this week at Mateban, Dudub, Galacio, Buduen and Dabaro.

About 10 Ethiopian planes were involved in the incidents, the radio said, but additional details were not disclosed in the broadcast, which was monitored in Nairobi.

The reported bombings could not be immediately confirmed by independent sources.

Ethiopia and Somalia are traditional rivals in the Horn of Africa. In 1977-78 they fought each other in the Ogaden war and Somalia has occasionally reported Ethiopian attacks on its border villages since the end of the conflict.

Meanwhile in Mogadishu, Somali guerrillas said they had killed 2,200 Ethiopian troops in battles at Babelle and Jijiga in the Ogaden early this month.

A communique issued by the Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) also said they had destroyed 105 Ethiopian armored cars and five tanks, and had captured 1,500 rifles with ammunition in another battle in the arid region. It gave no details of guerrilla casualties.

The front says it controls 90 per cent of the ethnically Somali Ogaden.

In Kharitum, guerrillas fighting in Ethiopia's northeast province of Tigray said Monday they had repulsed a big attack by government troops after a week of heavy fighting.

## U.N. aide ends Lebanon talks

BEIRUT, March 18 (R) — United Nations Undersecretary General Brian Urquhart said Tuesday the U.N. fully shared the desire of Lebanese leaders to re-establish their state's rule over the whole country.

Urquhart, who has special responsibility in the U.N. Secretariat for Political Affairs, was speaking to reporters, before leaving for Israel after a three-day visit.

Urquhart Monday had talks with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and other senior officials as well as Palestinian commando chief Yasser Arafat.

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## Alternative Olympics plans continue

## British Parliament votes for boycott

LONDON, March 18 (R) — After hours of heated argument over how to react to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the House of Commons Monday night voted for a British boycott of this summer's Olympic Games in Moscow.

The decision was not binding on British athletes, and many already said they were determined to compete.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's motion calling for a boycott was passed by 315 votes to 147. But some of the Conservative members as well as opposition Labor politicians attacked her government's handling of the issue.

An opinion poll published Monday indicated that 56 per cent of Britons would not support a call by Parliament for a boycott.

British Olympic Association chairman Sir Denis Follows said sports leaders would consider the vote very seriously. But he warned that athletes' attitudes had been stiffened by an announcement last week that government employees would not get special paid leave to take part in the games.

From all sides of parliament there was strong condemnation of Moscow's military venture in Afghanistan. But both the ruling Conservatives and opposition parties were divided on how to retaliate.

Parliamentarians were given a free hand by their parties to vote as they pleased. Some Conservatives complained an Olympic boycott was an insufficient response and unfair on British sportsmen.

Right-winger Terence Higgins, a former Olympic competitor, said British athletes were being asked to make a huge sacrifice. They should only withdraw if the government took other tougher measures against Moscow, he added.

Several of Britain's international athletics squad were in the public galleries to hear his final appeal for a boycott at the end of the debate. He said the Olympics had intensified the pressures to which Soviet citizens were already subjected.

As well as the banishment of physicist Andrei Sakharov, there had been a clamp-down on Jewish immigration, and students have been removed from Moscow, the minister added.

"All this reflects the conditions in that society. Unless we take this decision to boycott the games, the impact on all those people is

that we simply do not care about the problems that are being created for them," Heseltine declared.

In Geneva, government representatives from 12 countries continued talks Tuesday on a proposed world sports festival for athletes who boycott the Moscow Olympic Games.

The scene switched to the United States diplomatic mission for an all-day session, after the opening their discussions Monday in the British mission.

The two-day talks were convened by White House adviser Lloyd Cutler told a news conference Monday after the first session that sports events staged at various sites around the world, could be self-financing if they were linked together for world-wide television coverage.

Cutler said President Jimmy Carter would not go back on his decision that the U.S. should boycott the Moscow Olympics next July in protest against the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

All five continents were represented at the private meeting. Apart from the three initiators, countries attending included Kenya, Saudi Arabia, the Dominican Republic, the Netherlands and Sudan, Canada, the Philippines, Costa Rica and Portugal sent observers.

Both Cutler and British Foreign Office Minister Douglas Hurd, who presided over Monday's meeting, said other major sporting countries were likely to join the boycott.

Hurd said he was not disappointed that only 12 nations took part in the session. Each was in touch with several other interested governments, he said.

Hurd and Cutler told newsmen the aim of the Geneva talks was to work out suggestions and facilities to encourage international sports bodies, promoters and television networks to cooperate in putting on world class competitions in various sports.

This would give the athletes who boycotted the Moscow meeting the same sort of international recognition they could get from the Olympics, they said.

## Dissident arrested

## Soviets hit Olympics 'enemies'

MOSCOW, March 18 (R) — The Soviet Union said Tuesday the Moscow Olympics would go ahead as planned, despite President Jimmy Carter's call for a boycott.

An editorial in the communist party newspaper *Pravda* said Washington's attitude to international sport was "just a caricature." The administration was prompted solely by the president's bid for re-election, it said.

*Pravda* recalled that the last session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) affirmed its decision to press ahead with the Moscow games, and said, "The games will take place at the appointed time despite the intrigues of the enemies of the Olympic movement."

The confident forecast coincided with talks in Geneva between 12 countries to discuss an alternative site for athletes who stay away from the games.

*Pravda* did not mention the Geneva meeting, but described the White House adviser as the two-day talks, Lloyd Cutler, as playing a subversive role towards the Olympic move-

ment.

"Cutler is internationally misleading sportsmen of Western nations by trying to convince them that the Carter administration's venture can somehow replace their participation in Moscow,"

*Pravda* described the Carter boycott call as "an attempt to mix sport not only with politics, but also with the policy of undermining détente." Such an attitude would only strengthen the Olympic movement's independence, it said.

*Pravda* accused Washington of trying to wreck the Moscow Olympics "for the benefit of President Carter's personal ambitions."

"Washington politicians are... prompted by short-term considerations of the Carter election center," it declared.

In Paris Vladimir Popov, the first vice president of the Soviet Olympic Organizing Committee, said Monday he was not worried by the meeting in Geneva of a dozen countries exploring the possibility of alternative games to the 1980 Olympics.

"I remain calm because this meeting is not a new element," Popov told a news conference.

"It is only one episode in the general anti-Olympic theater. We are certain that the propositions and projects that will be debated by these countries will not gain the support of public opinion because they are contrary to the Olympic spirit, international sporting rules and the engagements that have been undertaken."

"And since I am speaking of theater, let me tell you that the play and the direction are not the work of a master."

Popov, who is heading a Soviet sporting delegation to France, said that all is practically ready in Moscow for the opening of the summer games July 19.

Meanwhile, Juri Kukk, a dissident from Soviet Estonia who has called for the Olympic games to be moved from Moscow this summer, was arrested in his home town of Tartu last Thursday, according to his wife Sivi.

Mrs. Kukk told a Reuters correspondent who telephoned her Monday that her husband was picked up on the street and she assumed he was now in the Estonian capital of Tallinn, 180 km (110 miles) north of Tartu.

## During Olympic debate

## Athletes, jeans, stamps suffer uncertainty

WASHINGTON, March 18 (LAT) — In a letter to hundreds of athletes hoping to make the American Olympic team, the executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee, F. Don Miller, has declared that the USOC "intends to keep all its options open" for attending this summer's Moscow Olympics, should the world situation improve.

Although Miller also said in the letter that ultimately the USOC would bow to President Carter's position and agree to boycott the Moscow Games "if he indicates ... our attendance ... represents a threat to national security," the tenor of his message has aroused some concern among White House aides trying to promote the boycott.

One aide told the *Los Angeles Times* that when White House counsel Lloyd N. Cutler, chief coordinator of the U.S. boycott campaign, was shown Miller's letter, "he couldn't believe it."

The fresh doubts about how the USOC intends to proceed were expressed on the eve of Saturday's USOC administrative committee meeting in Colorado Springs, at which USOC leaders are expected to recommend a resolution to an April 11 meeting of the group's house of delegates on what to do about the boycott.

One Carter administration source said the USOC leaders have agreed to show a copy of the proposed resolution — which apparently will set USOC policy in the boycott matter — to Cutler in advance.

In his letter to the athletes, Miller said that he believes sentiment among many Americans is shifting against a boycott and he went on to promise:

"The USOC will continue to act in your best interest and that of your fellow athletes and intends to keep all its options open with hope and prayers that an easing of world tension and the situation in Afghanistan will permit us to accept the invitation of the Moscow Olympic organizing committee."

Meanwhile, in another Olympics-

related development, two major private companies that had agreed to provide substantial goods and services to the Moscow Olympics have apparently adopted different responses to the Carter administration's request earlier this week that they halt export of Olympic goods to Moscow.

A spokesman for Levi Strauss and Co., the clothing firm that had planned to outfit 23,000 Soviet Olympic workers with blue jeans during the games and to provide jackets and T-shirts for 6,000 of them, as a contribution to the games, said that the clothing would not be sent if the government doesn't want it sent.

Should the Carter administration change its stand in time to ship the clothing Levi Strauss spokesman Bud Johns said, it will be sent, but he emphasized, "We have said repeatedly we will follow national policy on the Olympics."

A different stand has been taken by the Coca-Cola Co., which had agreed to provide soft drinks to Olympic athletes and other participants in Moscow, informed sources said.

The sources said that Coca-Cola has taken the position that it has already exported materials it needs to fulfill the agreement and it is too late to bow out now. A Coca-Cola representative declined to comment.

In Frankfurt the West German post office has withdrawn a special stamp which was to have been issued in time for the Moscow Olympics. According to the government spokesman, Klaus Boelling, the move does not amount to a "provisional decision" on the participation or non-participation of West German athletes in the Moscow Games. But he admitted that the decision by the Federal Minister of Post and Telecommunications, Kurt Gscheidle was not "just a technocrat's move." Unless Boelling was caught up in his own elaborate officialness, this could only mean that political reasons also played a part.

Like Goethe's Faust, the German gov-

ernment and Chancellor Schmidt in particular have privately suffered from having "two souls in my breast". While one reacted with shock and horror at the idea of boycotting the games, the other responded with resignation to the call of loyalty toward the American allies.

At this news conference last Wednesday, Schmidt made it clear that no West German team would go to Moscow unless the Soviet Union had withdrawn its troops from Afghanistan. But he regretted that the Olympics had come to dominate the international discussion on how the West should respond to the Afghanistan crisis. By August, he said, the Moscow Olympics would be a thing of the past, but the question of a worldwide balance of power would remain.

The special stamp, which was ready for publication, was to have shown a flag with the five Olympic rings. It will be replaced by the picture of a ride in a dressage event.

According to Boelling, the Bonn government is unlikely to take part in a conference to prepare alternative Olympic games.

The Swedish Olympic Committee's executive committee Monday confirmed its decision that Sweden would take part in the Moscow Olympics this summer, Olympic committee general secretary Bo Bengtson said Tuesday.

But the committee has not told Moscow officially that it is coming and would probably not do so until close to the May 19 deadline, Bengtson told Reuters.

"If the political or sports situation changes then our decision is subject to change," he added.

Bengtson, also director of the Swedish Sports Federation, said the only political events he could imagine causing a change would be United Nations sanctions against the Soviet Union or a break in Swedish-Soviet diplomatic relations.

## U.S. hockey victory goes Hollywood

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP) — ABC, which aired the historic victory of the victorious United States' Olympic hockey team as it unfolded during the Winter Olympics, plans to re-create it with a three-hour, made-for-television motion picture.

Frank Von Zerneck and Robert Greenwald, executive producers for Moonlight Productions, made an exclusive contract with the entire team and its coach, Herb Brooks. The company also bought the rights to the Bantam Book, *Miracle on Ice*, the recently published New York Times account of the American team's gold medal triumph at Lake Placid last month.

Then Moonlight Productions, negotiating solely with ABC, sold the package to the network, which plans a broadcast in winter 1981, according to the producers, the so-called "docu-drama" will emphasize the players themselves, their families and friends.

Agents Art Kaminsky and Bob Murray negotiated the deal for Brooks and the team. "A sum of money was paid and we worked out an allocation system that is fair to everybody," Kaminsky said.

Moonlight Productions has made several other television films, including *21 Hours in Munich*, about the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games.

## Korchnoi wins

VELDEN, Austria, March 18, (R) — Viktor Korchnoi scored the first win in the world chess championship quarter final here against Tigran Petrosian, Monday.

Korchnoi won the fifth game, resumed at the 41st move after being adjourned Sunday, when Petrosian gave up after only six more moves.

The victory, which put the 49-year-old Soviet defector into a 3-2 lead for the match, followed four drawn games.

The quick end to the fifth game came after an equally fast finish to the fourth round which was resumed after an adjournment on Saturday and ended with Petrosian offering a draw after the 45th move.

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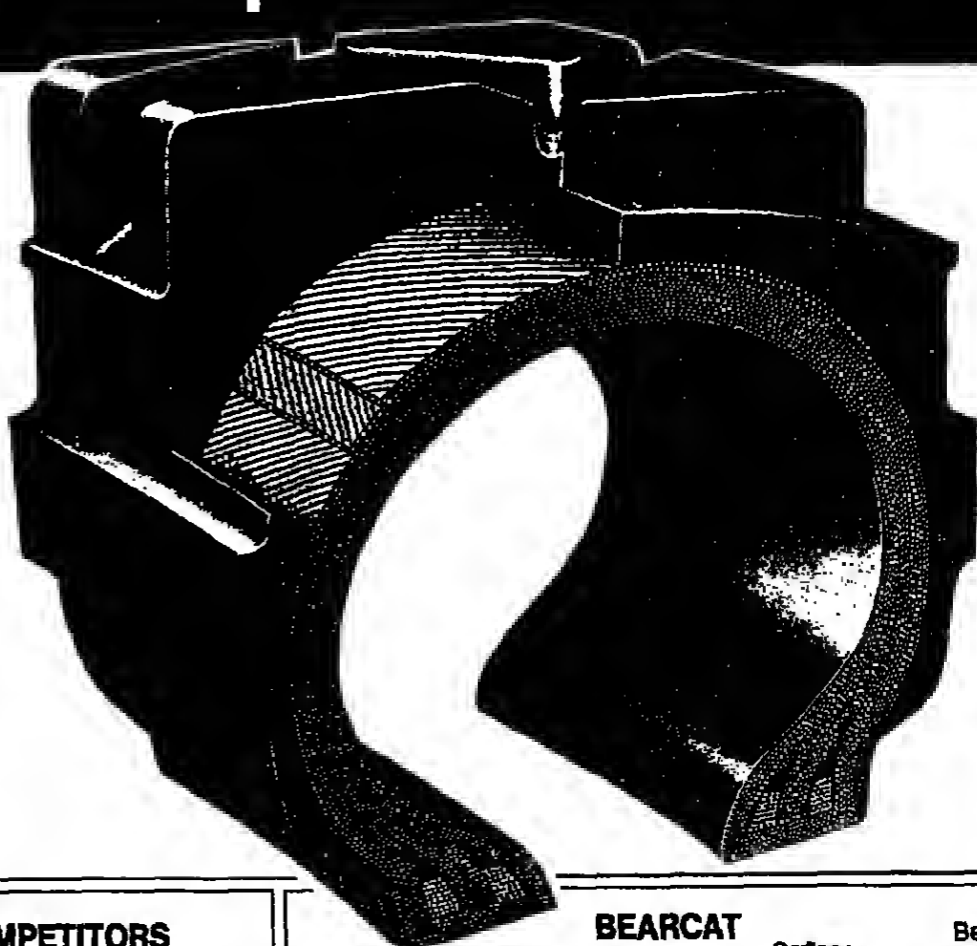
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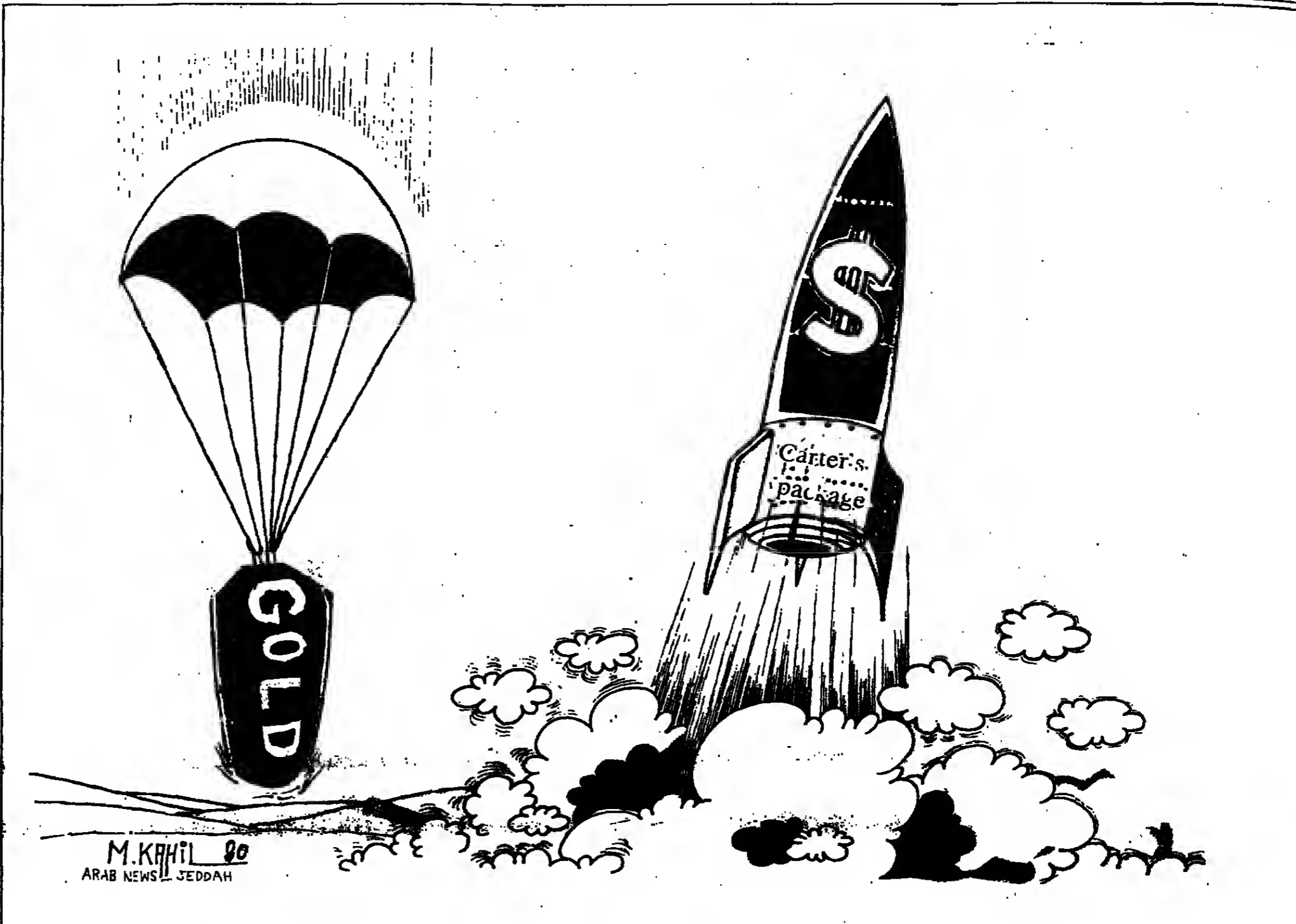
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## How not to win U.S. presidency

By Anthony Holden

**WASHINGTON—**John B. Connally's withdrawal from the race for the Republican presidential nomination, which came hard on the heels of that of Senator Howard Baker, provides an object lesson on how not to run for the U.S. presidency in 1980.

A year ago Big John, on paper, had everything going for him. He was a three-term governor of Texas, a former secretary of the navy, a former treasury secretary, adviser to three presidents, a self-made multi-millionaire. The darling of big business, he looked more presidential than any other candidate, more indeed than one or two recent incumbents.

The money came rolling in — in such quantity that he was able, early this year, to spurn his right to federal matching funds, the only candidate in either party to do so.

By the time of his withdrawal last week, he had spent nearly \$12 million in pursuit of the presidency, some \$500,000 of it out of his own pocket. His reward was just one convention delegate, Mrs. Ida Mills of Arkansas, surely the most expensive vote in the history of politics.

A year ago, the electoral pundits were predicting a Connally-Kennedy showdown in 1980. It was to be one of the roughest, toughest fights in memory. Connally himself argued that he was the only Republican with a chance to beat Kennedy, then assumed to be the inevitable Democratic nominee. In a way, Connally's fortunes nosedived with Kennedy's.

But there was much more than that to the former governor's totally unexpected eclipse. He, like Kennedy, entered the race with what Americans like to call "A lot of baggage."

Connally's baggage came in three hefty consignments. One, he was a turncoat. The three-term governor of Texas was a Democrat, Nixon's treasury secretary a Republican. Ronald Reagan also started life as a Democrat, but he was a Republican governor of California, and had established his GOP credentials over a much longer period than Connally.

Two, he carried the dread taint of Richard Nixon. Having been one of the disgraced president's closest advisers and friends, Connally changed party to accept two cabinet posts under Nixon. George Bush had also tangled with Nixon, accepting his invitation to be party chairman during the trauma of Watergate — but Bush remained in senior govern-

ment positions under President Ford.

It was in the Nixon years that Connally picked up his third piece of baggage, the one that perhaps did him most harm. He was indicted for accepting bribes in what became known as the milk scandal. He was, it should be added, acquitted. But the mud stuck.

This reporter was once present when Connally stormed, "I was acquitted, I was acquitted," to a heckler who had raised the milk scandal. "Yeah," came the reply, "you were the only one that needed to be."

"John Connally acquires himself like a true Republican," became a favorite barb among his opponents.

The epithets "wheeler-dealer," and even "crook" haunted Connally throughout his campaign. "My wife thinks you're a crook," said one radio phone-in caller.

"But I was acquitted. You should tell her that," replied Connally.

"I did tell her that."

"What did she say?"

"She still thinks you're a crook."

Connally also confronted the wheeler-dealer tag with full frontal candor. "Many people call me a wheeler-dealer. Well, may be I am. Politics is full of wheeler-dealers, and the president has to be a better one than anyone else."

These three handicaps combined with a badly planned campaign to nip Connally's fortunes in the bud. Money was thrown around far too lavishly. Lease jets, big parties and extensive TV advertising were the order of the day from the start.

The candidate decided to throw all his weight, and his dwindling resources, into the South Carolina primary, to show that he could beat Reagan on his own ground. He overlooked the dominant phenomenon of the 1980 campaign: "momentum," or "Big Mo" as George Bush like to call it until it deserted him. Major defeats for Connally in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont had deprived him of "winnability" (another 1980 vogue word) in the South. Reagan beat him 54-30 in South Carolina.

So Big John returns to his Texas ranch a sadder and a wiser man, taking much of the color of the 1980 campaign with him. "I don't ever intend to be a candidate again," he told his followers in an emotional farewell speech. "But I'm not withdrawing from politics. I want you to understand that." — (OFNS)

## Behind army shake-up in China

By Dennis Bloodworth

SINGAPORE —

Sweeping changes in China's military hierarchy, which included the removal of the 76-year-old navy chief after he held the post for 30 years, have confirmed that the Soviet seizure of Afghanistan has freed the hands of Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping to perform major surgery on his geriatric corps of commanders.

A new appraisal of the Russian threat has put a sharper edge on the arguments of those who stress that the four million-strong People's Liberation Army (PLA) must be streamlined well as modernized as quickly as possible.

The Chinese are more dissatisfied than ever with the outdated Maoist doctrine of "self-reliance," whereby national defense would depend less on sophisticated weaponry than on waging a "people's war," in which any invader would be drowned in a sea of under-armed patriots.

When Chinese divisions burst across the border into North Vietnam a year ago to "teach Hanoi a lesson," they learned one themselves. The costly incursion owed its success to brawn rather than brains, electronic or human.

The poor coordination of arms, sometimes dictated by almost medieval signals and supply systems, was aggravated by the obsolescence not only of Chinese weapons, but of Chinese commanders.

Gen. Yang Dezhi, who commanded the operation, had last crossed a border in anger 30 years before, when he led three armies against the Americans in Korea.

Now replaced as master of Kunming military region, opposite Vietnam, he is among eight of China's 11 regional commanders who have been switched to new posts in a shake-up that has affected nearly 20 senior generals.

He is also one of four distinguished veterans who

have exchanged active commands for desks in Peking, where two new deputy chiefs-of-staff and four new members of the party's powerful Military Affairs Commission have been identified last month alone.

Deng's immediate object seems to be to tighten Peking's control over the nationwide process of modernization by dislodging from their strongholds those revolutionary dieldards with dated ideas whose power and prestige make them difficult to keep in line.

He is in some cases promoting them to paper-pushing posts in the capital, where they can be useful instruments for exercising remote control over their former fiefs, while replacing them in their active commands on the spot with officers almost of their own age who will be more amenable to change. (At 74 Ye Fei, the new navy chief, is only two years younger than his predecessor.)

Xu Shiyu, the outgoing commander of Canton military region, is 73. He is being replaced by Wu Kehua, aged 66.

Xu is a ranking member of the Politburo, and until January was the most powerful military boss in South China. He had no love for Mao and has been a staunch supporter of Deng.

Some younger commanders suspect that aging revolutionary generals like Xu are tempted to cling to outworn principles they practised so competently in the past rather than to fumble with the mysteries of computerized combat.

They have been further depressed by Peking's failure to give arms production a higher priority at home or make massive purchases of modern weaponry abroad.

The shake-up of PLA commanders reflects a new determination to modernize tactics and arms. That may do much for the morale of Chinese soldiers, who are sick of the myth that blood and a bolt-action rifle are the answer to Russian ambition. (OFNS)

## IRAN ELECTION RESULTS

The early results of the current Iranian parliamentary elections have thoroughly confounded predictions, especially by Western observers, of an easy win for the independent candidates supporting President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. The main cause for this, it is now becoming apparent, is the inability of the Bani-Sadr side to translate the president's undoubted popularity into a parliamentary majority, owing to the absence of a party electoral machine.

The expected winner is the Islamic Republican Party (IRP) led by Ayatollah Muhammad Beheshti, who is at the same time the secretary general of the ruling Islamic Revolutionary Council. The IRP has the support of the country's clergy, and its politics are both Islamic and militant: so much so in fact that it is very close to the militant students holding the hostages at the American embassy in Tehran.

The IRP has won thirty out of the fifty four results so far declared. But it is too soon to predict that its final majority will be of a commensurate proportion. Most of the other wins were scored by President Bani-Sadr's supporters. The second stage of the elections, due to take place early next month, is expected to see the IRP emerging a clear winner with an overall majority.

Anticipating such a result, some of the other parties to the elections, among them the Communist and Socialist groupings as well as such Islamic left wingers as the Al Mujahidoun group, have already complained of large-scale electoral irregularities. This was not unexpected and Bani-Sadr has already ordered the complaints investigated. But the scale of malpractice could not in any case have been large, since the declared results included winners from a wide spectrum of opinion.

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A majority of newspapers continued to lead with summit talks between King Khaled and President Jafar Nuweiri of Sudan. Nuweiri departed for Abu Dhabi Monday. In a lead story, *Al-Jazirah* reported that a Cairo magazine *Al-Dawah* has called upon the Egyptians to treat the Israeli embassy staff in Cairo as pariahs. *Al-Madina* led with a decision by the Governorate of Mecca to set up nine teams of officials to oust within 60 days squatters encamped on government lands.

Newspapers frontpaged the deliberations of the Council of Ministers Monday, which was reported to have reviewed some of the resolutions of the OPEC conference and approved the establishment of a Saudi fisheries company. *Al-Riyadh* highlighted on its front page King Khaled's message to King Hussein of Jordan, which has been carried by Foreign Undersecretary Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayan. In another front-page story, *Al-Riyadh* quoted Arab diplomatic sources in

Beirut as saying that an attack on the Syrian army encampments by 200 armed men south of Aleppo has been quelled.

*Al-Nadwa* highlighted the Kuwaiti defense minister's caution that a state of war still existed with the enemy Israel and that military ties between the states of the Gulf and the Arabian peninsula was a natural matter. It also gave front-page treatment to Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq's admission that a coup was attempted early this month, saying that foreign hands had engineered the abortive plot. Egyptian Prime Minister Dr. Mustapha Khalil's accusation that Israel is delaying the autonomy negotiations figured prominently in *Al-Yam* newspaper.

Newspapers commented on the royal message to some Arab leaders, saying it confirmed the Kingdom's keen interest in good relations between Muslim states. They also highlighted the Egyptian people's reaction to the normalization of relations with Israel and

called for more coordination among the Arabs to meet Israeli challenges and expansionist designs.

Dealing with King Khaled's message to Arab leaders, *Al-Bilad* said the message is a confirmation of the Kingdom's desire for continuing consultations on the Arab situation. With a deep sense of its responsibility toward the Arab cause, Saudi Arabia desires to boost mutual understanding so that developments could be effectively confronted, the paper said. It was the paper's conviction that Arab stance after the summit conferences at Baghdad and Tunis could bring about an equitable and comprehensive peace in the region.

*Al-Nadwa* said in an editorial that the real crisis in the region existed owing to the continuous Arab-Israeli tussle, adding that this tussle will never come to an end unless a just and comprehensive solution is found to the crux of the problem. The paper asserted that the Arabs are the actual

claimants of right, justice and peace, and reiterated that the whole region keeps its doors wide open for free and full cooperation in the realization of welfare and prosperity for the peoples of the world.

Almost on identical lines, *Okaz* said the Arab region will continue to face dangers so long as Israel continues in its expansionist plans at the expense of the Arab people. It called for cooperation and coordination at the military level among the Arab states, so they can keep the whole region free of international turmoil.

The paper added that existing cooperation among the states of the Gulf originates from a sense of a common destiny and a keen desire to protect their achievements and the peace and security of the Gulf. It said that Israel is a direct danger to the Arabs and, therefore, cooperation and coordination among the Arab states will enable them to confront the challenges in a successful and

effective manner.

Commenting on the Egyptian peoples' reaction to the normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel, *Al-Madina* expressed the view that the people of Egypt cannot be happy with what has displeased their Arab and Muslim brethren. Referring to a general call in Egypt to boycott all Jewish products, the paper added that the Arabs were confident that the Egyptians will hold fast to their Islamic faith and will not be led away by corrupt Jewish practices.

*Al-Jazirah* regretted the Egyptian government's persistence in the normalization of relations with Israel. It said that this process subjected Egypt to further dangers as Israel can now use its embassy in Cairo to create chaos and corruption and dominate the Egyptian economy. The paper reiterated that the Egyptian people's joining the Arab ranks will help a great deal in the realization of a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

## Sweden split over nuclear power

By Chris Morgenson

STOCKHOLM —

Sweden votes on March 23 in a national referendum to decide whether to scrap its nuclear power program, which supplies a quarter of the country's energy.

In the run-up to the referendum, the anti-nuclear lobby has steadily lost the lead it held at the time of the Harrisburg accident in the United States last year. Public opinion polls now indicate a substantial majority in favor of retaining nuclear power.

Such a result could well split the coalition government headed by Thorbjorn Falldin, who is implacably opposed to nuclear power.

Falldin's Center Party, which draws its main support from rural areas, lines up with the Communists in supporting the third of three alternatives on the ballot papers. This calls for the phasing out of all nuclear plants over 10 years, or more rapidly if safety standards are not met.

His partners in the three-party non-socialist government both favor retention of nuclear power.

The *Conservative (Moderaterna)* support Alternative One, which calls for retention of Sweden's six functioning nuclear power stations and the completion of a planned six additional stations.

The *Liberals (Folkpartiet)* line up with the Social Democrats in supporting Alternative Two, which is much the same as Alternative One, but calls for increased research into alternative energy sources and the nationalization of all nuclear power plants.

The referendum, which is not binding on the government, will cost the taxpayer 62 million kronor (\$14 million). It is the fourth referendum to be held in the country since 1922. A government committee recently estimated that it would cost the nation 75 billion kronor (\$17 billion) or 20,000 kronor (\$4,500) per person over a 20-year period to phase out nuclear energy.

Sweden is heavily dependent on nuclear power, with 410 watts per capita installed capacity, com-

pared to 190 in the United States. The country has very little coal, and further hydroelectric schemes would face fierce opposition from environmentalists.

Employers and the Swedish Confederation of Trade Unions support continued use of nuclear power: it is fear of increased unemployment that has swung people in favor of the two "yes" alternatives.

Olof Palme's Social Democrats, the main opposition party, have been placed in a particularly difficult position by the nuclear issue. The party establishment favors keeping the power plants while the more idealistic left-wing wants to close them down. Palme has come up with a compromise that seeks to have the best of both worlds.

The Alternative Two compromise is summed up by the slogan "Shut down — with commonsense" (*Avveckla med fornuft*), the idea being that the reactors must be kept until there is something to replace them. If alternative energy sources are found and developed, the aim is a shutdown in 25 years.

It's a pretty big "if". Sweden has dabbled with wind power, so-called "energy forests" of quick-growing timber, peat and, of course, solar energy but so far to little avail. Sweden imports more oil per capita than any other country in the world. Last year the bill was 25 billion kronor (\$5.6 billion). If you contrast this with the fact that the country has 75 to 80 per cent of the extractable uranium reserves in Europe, and 15 per cent of world reserves, the economic arguments in favor of nuclear power start to look irresistible.

It would be unwise to underestimate the strength of the "no" lobby, whose main argument centers on the unsolved problem of disposing of radioactive waste and the possibility of a Harrisburg in Sweden.

At the last count they were estimated to have the support of 36 per cent of voters, opposed to 56 per cent in favor of keeping nuclear power. The gap could narrow as the "don't know" make up their minds. (OFNS)

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## How to make it (and drink it)

## Turkish coffee: a delicate balance

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — To refuse a cup borders on insult. In Lebanon it is customary to serve only one cup. In some circles the cup is turned upside down after the contents are finished and the guest's fortune read. In others, a guest will pass the cup offered to him to his neighbor as a gesture of humility.

These are just some of the many customs involved in the enjoyment of one of the world's most delicious drinks — Turkish coffee. The taste itself is well enough known but the method of making the coffee and the customs which surround it remain too often a mystery.

Yet the traditions of Turkish coffee (not to be confused with green Arab coffee) are so woven into the fabric of Middle Eastern life that it is almost essential to know the ceremonies to understand the latter.

It has been suggested that the time of serving Turkish coffee can mean the difference between friendship and war. In understanding this, it is important first to realize that it is customary to serve all guests coffee. Thus, if the beverage is served early in a visit it may be interpreted as a hint for the guest to leave early. On the contrary, if served too late it may seem that the guest is not worthy enough to be honored with a cup. Therefore, if a guest is to feel honored he should be served with coffee near the end of his visit — but not too late.

He will also be insulted if presented with a cup which is full or overflowing. This could mean "take what you can get and leave." So take care when passing the cups.

The etiquette of serving Turkish coffee requires the hostess or host to hand around the cups personally to guests. The eldest or most important person is served first, with

age taking preference to rank in cases of doubt.

As sugar is added to the coffee at the time of brewing a guest will be asked in advance what his preference is. Sweet is "helou" or "sukkar ziada"; medium is "mazbut" and unsweetened "murra".

Custom also plays a part in the sweetness of coffee, and the occasion may determine the amount of sugar added. On a happy occasion, such as a wedding or birthday, the coffee will be sweet, on the other hand at a funeral it will always be bitter, without sugar, regardless of peoples' tastes.

In some places it is common practice, after finishing a cup of coffee, to turn the cup upside down so that the dregs run down the inside of the cup onto the saucer. If one member of the company is accomplished in the art of reading, the pattern thus formed in the cup will provide the basis of a fortune-telling for the drinker.

Foreigners in the Kingdom are sometimes confused about the custom of shaking the cup when enough coffee has been drunk. This custom refers only to the green, of Bedu, coffee which has no dregs.

As one local cooking expert said, "I have never seen Turkish coffee served twice, let alone a refill offered. The left over grounds would prevent a second serving. It is the green coffee which requires that the cup be shaken if enough has been drunk."

A further custom involves the foam on the coffee. It is important to include the froth at the top of the cup, firstly for appearance. But in addition the most foam is put on the coffee of the most honored guest. The creation of foam is an integral part of the making of the coffee which is why most devotees insist that only one serving be made at a time, using the long handled brass or enamel pot designed especially for the purpose.

Although purists insist on brewing one cup



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at a time, the coffee may be made in larger quantities for serving at dinner parties, although eight should be a minimum. Experimentation is advised.

One common method for making the coffee calls for dissolving the sugar in water before adding the powdered coffee. The coffee should be finely ground, to about the density of percolated coffee. The quantities of coffee, sugar and water for one serving are a heaped teaspoon of coffee and a rounded teaspoon of sugar to one cup of water. For the water, measure with a demi-tasse, the type in which the coffee is served.

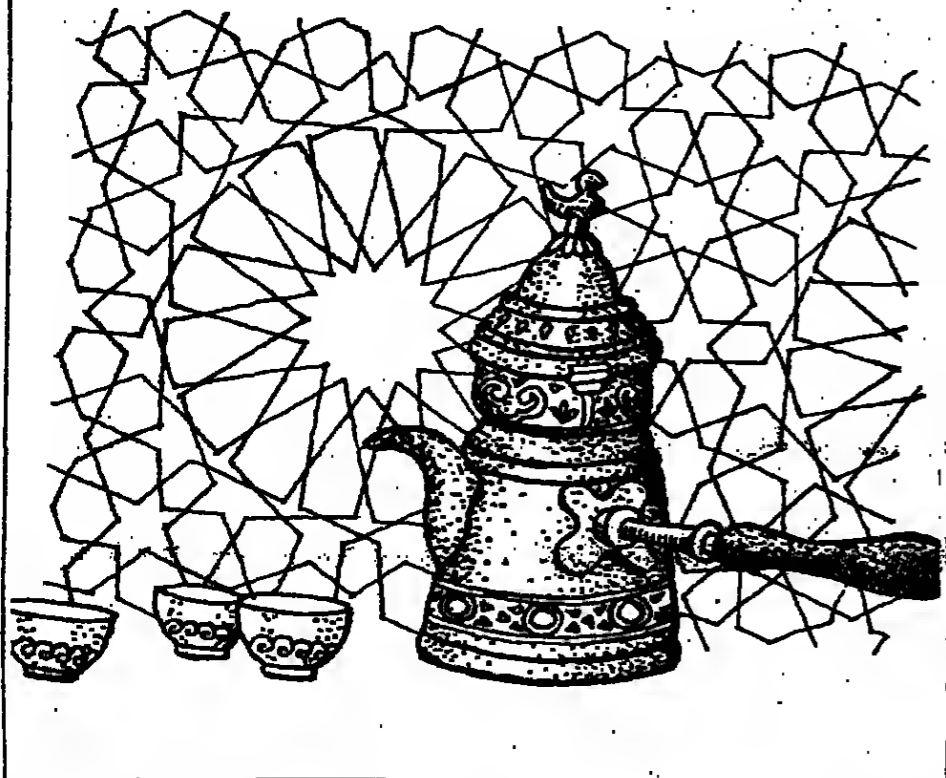
After adding the coffee to the sugar and water put it over a flame and bring it to the boil. Remove it immediately and tap the pot

on the edge of the stove, or plunge in a teaspoon, to make the foam subside. Repeat this operation two more times, then pour immediately into the coffee cup or cups, leaving a little foam for each cup. The foam is poured out by making the pot tremble as the pouring is taking place. If preferred, a few drops of cold water may be added as the coffee is removed from the flame for the final time so that the grounds will settle more quickly to the bottom of the pot. If you like the cardamom flavor, a few seeds may be added during the brewing or you can buy ground coffee with the cardamom already added. Orange blossom essence is another flavoring which can be added, but opinions vary. Some add it during the brewing, others

serve the coffee accompanied by a small pitcher of the essence which may be added by the guest if desired.

For brewing the coffee choose the blend which suits you most. Some people prefer mocha coffee from Yemen, others Brazilian. Local coffee shops usually stock an impressive range. Also, while you are in the region it would be wise, if you are planning a lifetime of Turkish coffee drinking, to buy yourself the special long-handled brewing pot.

A final note for investors: the decorative old sets which were customarily used for serving the coffee are becoming hard to find. An antique set is said to be a good investment, so if you see one snap it up.



## Northern Ireland

## A people bloodied

By Megan Rosenfeld  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Betty Williams is an Auburn-haired housewife from Belfast with lines in her face that speak of twerwork and emotion. She knows, all too well, a bit of Northern Ireland sorrows.

"Two of my cousins were murdered. My aunt, she was a perfect housewife, perfect. Now she's an alcoholic. They found her last year on Donny's grave, dead drunk, frostbitten. She had a blanket she was trying to put over his grave, 'Donny's cold,' she says.

"My Aunt Mary, she doesn't know if she's coming or going. She still sets a place for her boy at the table. 'I forgot,' she says...And Bridget McKenna, Bridget's son was mur-

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dered, too. The first two months she was great. She was a very staunch Catholic, it was God's will. Suddenly one night her husband found her in the corridor, screaming."

It's been 3 1/2 years since Betty Williams and her friend, Mairead Corrigan, started a peace movement in Northern Ireland, and just over two years ago since they were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their work.

The 10 factions that have been fighting in Northern Ireland for over 10 years show few signs of putting down their guns; terrorist attacks continue and a government conference in Belfast trying to plan a warless future is not expected to succeed.

The peace movement has had its own troubles, and the two young women who idealistically called a peace rally in 1976, not knowing how many people would show up, have experienced traumas of fame and the scarring embrace of success in a way they never expected. But they have given up, Betty Williams said during a lecture tour in Washington, and they have no intention of doing so.

She used to be just a housewife with two children and a fur coat. She's grown up with a half-Jewish Catholic in Belfast, taught to hate the British and the prejudice that Catholics felt from the Protestants.

By the time she saw her friend Ann McGuire's three children crushed to death by a car driven by an Irish Republican Army gunman who had been shot by a British soldier, she had already seen a 4-year-old on a tricycle have half his head blown off by a stray bullet, and a young British soldier shot while she was standing in the street. The blood sprayed all over her clothes and she could not remember the words to the act of contrition to say to him as he died.

Last week she resigned from the Community of Peace People the organization that was founded to manage what began as a kitchen table campaign. Williams and Corrigan remain friends, but she chafed under the strictures of bureaucracy they had unwittingly created, and felt stifled by what she felt had become an organization that forgot the people.

"We got organized, which is maybe the worst thing we could have done," she said, in as Irish a brogue as you could want, leaning her elbows on a friend's dining room table.

"I think they'll be delighted to get rid of me. I was very disruptive. Now they've got a bit of peace!" She grinned.

She will continue to work in the peace movement — as distinct from the Community of Peace People — until "Irish stop killing Irish." Until 4-year-old boys on tricycles stop getting the backs of their heads blown off by stray bullets, and restaurants and trains and hotels and stores full of people stop getting bombed. One hotel in Belfast has been bombed 36 times, she said.

She's separated from her husband — it was not a good marriage — even before she got involved in the peace movement, she said, and they are "the best of friends" — and she has shared one of the most respected honors in the world and met presidents and queens and the Holy Father himself.

And three weeks ago Ann McGuire killed herself. She took an electric hedge cutter and slit her throat.

Over these last few years "I watched her try to survive," she said. "She fought back. She tried. She just couldn't make it...And poor Jack, her husband, what will he do now? Sometimes I think if we'd really loved her we should have left her a little bottle of pills so she didn't have to die in that horrible way..."

The violence keeps happening. And in her mind the only reaction a sane person can have is to say "Stop it!" and say it loudly, often, and not very politely. She is not an intellectual, and the movement has made a point of staying out of politics, for which it has been criticized. Movement members place their faith, ultimately, in the strength of women's desire not to see their families killed, and they have been criticized for being naive and unrealistic.

The movement's founders have been criticized for more. "The jealousy syndrome sets in. People say, 'Those two think they're famous.' People at home expect you to have all the answers." In many ways, the Nobel Prize was a "crucifixion."

The approximately \$400,000 they were given by the Norwegian people went to the Community; the approximately \$50,000 Williams and Corrigan each received from the Nobel Prize they keep in lieu of salary — something they think now may have been a mistake. People thought they got rich.

"And how can Mairead go out on a date and have a glass of wine with a man? And how could I? The newspapers would have it the next day — 'Betty Williams Has A New Man'."

Williams is a woman who likes to laugh, to dance, to have a "wee drink" every now and then. She likes the attention she's had — but has decided that as necessary as fame is to

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bring attendoo to the cause, it has estranged her from the very people she was trying to get involved in the rallies, petition signing and non-violent protest and rescue work that make up peace activism.

"A woman that I carried the banner with up the Shaker Road made a comment the other day that hurt me deeply. She didn't say it to me, she told (a friend) Colleen. She said, 'Why did the girls go abroad? We would have supplied everything they needed if they'd just stayed here with us.'"

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## U.S. reports indicate Russian ground troops sailing to Indian Ocean

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP) — The Soviet Union may be deploying ground assault troops to the Indian Ocean aboard ships, U.S. intelligence sources say.

More than 400 naval infantrymen, the Soviet counterpart of U.S. Marines, are known to be aboard a Russian amphibious assault ship now steaming south along the Chinese coast, these sources said.

Although the amphibious combat forces involved are relatively small, the dispatch of U.S. Marines and the possible deployment of Soviet naval infantry is another escalation in the Soviet-U.S. military rivalry in that vital region.

The Soviet troops are on the 13,000-ton *Izvo Rogov*, the biggest amphibious ship in the Soviet navy, which also is reportedly carrying armored personnel carriers and air cushion landing craft.

The intelligence sources, who declined to be identified by name, said the *Rogov* and an escorting destroyer may be bound either for the South China Sea off Vietnam or for the Indian Ocean. They believe the latter is the destination.

The ships have been under observation since leaving Russia's far east naval base at Vladivostok last week.

This was learned as an 1,800-man U.S. marine-reinforced battalion sailed through the Indian Ocean in the direction of the Arabian Sea. They were aboard a navy amphibious warfare task force.

The marine battalion is the first such unit ever to be sent into the Indian Ocean-Arabian Sea area by the United States.

The arrival of the six-ship American navy amphibious task force in the Indian Ocean Sunday raised U.S. naval strength in those waters to a record 31 ships.

The Soviet navy now has 29 vessels in the Indian Ocean-Arabian Sea area, three fewer than its peak force in late February.

The number of warships committed there fluctuates from time to time, but the trend has been upward since last fall.

Many of the ships of both the U.S. and Soviet navies are stationed within striking range of the entrance to the Persian Gulf, one of the chief sources of oil supplies for the United States, Western Europe and Japan.

There have been no hostile actions on either side even though political tensions have risen since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in late December and President Jimmy Carter's warning that the United States would resist any Russian attempt to gain control of the Persian Gulf area.

By Red Brigades

## Rome lawyer gunned down

ROME, March 18 (R) — The Red Brigades urban guerrilla group claimed responsibility for the murder Tuesday of a senior magistrate on a crowded Rome bus, an Italian News agency reported.

The agency said a male telephone caller told it, "We executed Girolamo Minervini. A communiqué follows. Red Brigades."

Police said at least two gunmen boarded the bus and fired five shots at Minervini, 60, shortly after he got on at his regular stop in western Rome to go to work. Two schoolboys were hit by stray bullets, they added.

Minervini, a lawyer, was a magistrate in the Court of Cassation, Italy's highest court of appeal. Until recently he had been head of the country's prison board.

The Red Brigades' last fatal victim was also

a magistrate killed in Rome. He was prof. Vittorio Bachelet, 53, the vice-president of the Supreme Council of the Italian Magistrature, who was shot dead at Rome University last month.

One of the men, described as young, pulled out a pistol and fired five times, according to witnesses. Police later confirmed two boys travelling to school were hit by stray bullets.

Other passengers were slightly injured when the driver slammed on his brakes, police said.

Italian Premier Francesco Cossiga rushed to the scene, in Piazzale Degli Eroi, but refused to talk to reporters.

"Now is not the moment," he said.



TRIAL: South Korean Martial Law Commander and army Chief of Staff, Gen. Chun Seung-Hwa is flanked by two guards during sentencing. His conviction stemmed from the assassination of President Park Chung-Hee.

## Hwa's sentence reduced in Park assassination trial

SEOUL, March 18 (AP) — South Korean Defense Minister Choo Young-Bok reduced the 10-year prison term for former martial law commander Chun Seung-Hwa to 7 years Tuesday when he reviewed the verdict for the general, convicted in connection with the assassination of President Park Chung-Hee.

Gen. Chun was sentenced to 10 years by a military tribunal last Thursday on charges of trying to help Intelligence Chief Kim Jae-Kyu grab power after Kim killed President Park last Oct. 26.

Gen. Chun had denied the charge and said that he immediately ordered military police to arrest Kim as soon as he learned Kim was the killer.

The former army chief of staff was arrested seven weeks after the assassination touching off a series of gunfights between Chun's supporters and those supporting Maj. Gen.

Chun Doo-Hwan, who was in charge of the investigation of the assassination.

Chun was the ninth defendant to be convicted in connection with the assassination, which ended Park's 18-year authoritarian rule.

Kim Jae-Kyu and five others, convicted for killing Park and his five bodyguards at a dinner at a KCIA safe house, were sentenced to death. Another man got life imprisonment and a seventh three years in prison.

Of the six condemned, Army Col. Park Heung-Joo, the only active military officer among the defendants, was executed by a firing squad two weeks ago. He had no right to appeal under Korean law.

The remaining defendants are waiting for final decisions by the supreme court.

Gen. Chun has the right to appeal to a higher military court, but it was not immediately known whether he would.

Military president vs. prime minister

## Portugal politics heads for renewed strife

LISBON, March 18 (AP) — Three presidents, 12 governments and nearly six years after its revolution, Portugal appears headed for fresh political strife with its military president and civilian prime minister locked on a collision course neither seems willing to abandon.

Prime Minister Francisco Sa Carneiro, whose center-right government owns the first

team of social democrats, conservatives and monarchists also oppose the revolutionary council of military men Eanes heads and its powers to advise the president secretly.

The new government and the president also are at odds over who will decide foreign policy, and authority taken over by the five-star general while the country had non-party governments that Eanes appointed.

The feud between the president and the prime minister over constitutional power also is shaded by politics.

Portugal's Moscow-line Communist Party supports Eanes' defense of the constitution it helped engineer. Eanes never fails to pay service to the revolutionary council whose 19 members include a handful of left-leaning officers who overthrew the nation's rightist dictatorship.

"It is not the constitution that needs to be revised but the government that needs to be substituted," declared Armando Teixeira Da Silva of the Communist Trade Union Federation.

"In the long run, the government of Sa Carneiro will be brought down," Communist Leader Alvaro Cunhal promises farmers. The Socialists of Mario Xobva won Por-

## Taiwan journalist claims sedition confession forced

TAIPEI, Taiwan, March 18 (AP) — The Taiwan legislator accused of masterminding a conspiracy to overthrow the Nationalist Chinese government testified at the opening of a court martial against seven political dissidents Tuesday that he signed a confession to a state of exhaustion after 56 hours of non-stop interrogation.

Huang Hsin-Chieh, 52, a member of the legislative Yuan and publisher of the now-suspended *Formosa* magazine, said he was so tired at the time that he felt "to die would be a happier experience than to be alive."

At the opening session of the most talked-about political trial here in many years, Huang also testified that authorities misled him into signing a confession by promising him that if he pleaded guilty, he would get a lighter sentence.

Huang and the other defendants are accused of instigating a riot last Dec. 10 in the southern city of Kaohsiung, and sedition carries a maximum penalty of death.

During intensive questioning by the presiding military judge, the short pudgy legislator retracted many statements from his confession — including a key statement that the defendants, all staff members of *Formosa* magazine wanted to seize power from the nationalists.

Huang said the defendants, who spearheaded a movement for greater democracy and an end to the nationalists' one-party rule, were interested in politics and elections "but we didn't want to overthrow the government."

He conceded that one statement in his confession was true — that fellow defendant Yao Chia-Wen told him the magazine would have to adopt the policy of pushing its activities to the brink of violence while remaining within the law.

At the start of the trial in a military compound about 71 kilometers outside Taipei, the seven defendants were escorted into the courtroom by military police.

After a brief chaotic session for photographers, they stood in two lines facing the five-judge panel and a large portrait of the late Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek, who fled here after the communists took over the mainland in 1949 and remained president until his

death in 1975. Under court martial procedures, defendants are required to stand for proceedings unless they are elderly or in poor health.

Among the more than 100 spectators in the heavily-guarded courtroom were members of the foreign press, relatives, and observers from Amnesty International, the International League for Human Rights, the Presbyterian Church and the neo-government American Institute in Taiwan.

## Koreans agree on site for unification talks

PANMUNJOM, Korea, March 18 (AP) — North and South Korea Tuesday agreed on Panmunjom as the site of a proposed meeting between their respective premiers in a major breakthrough toward rapprochement talks.

The agreement came in the fourth session of working-level negotiations that started February to iron out procedural details for the prime ministers meeting.

South Korea originally proposed Geneva or any other third country as the site, while North Korea wanted the meeting to be held alternately in Pyongyang and Seoul.

The Seoul side finally agreed to this neutral village after North Korea in the 1 session hinted it would not mind holding talks there.

The two sides also agreed to limit the number of aides accompanying the prime ministers to four each, including two at ministerial level.

They continued to disagree, however, the agenda for the prime ministers talks. Negotiators agreed to meet again at the village on April 1.

Chief Seoul negotiator Kim Young-Chi and his northern counterpart Hyon Jun-G agreed Tuesday to limit aides accompanying their premiers to the conference table to include two at the ministerial or vice ministerial level.



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## Thailand building border defenses against Cambodia

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, March 18 (AP) — Thailand is building its own Maginot line against a possible Vietnamese tank attack — a trench six meters deep and nine meters wide that stretches nearly 100 kilometers along the Cambodian border.

The trench, built in sections at strategic portions of the 800-kilometer border, will cost 38 million baht (\$ 1.9 million U.S.) to build, high-placed military sources said Tuesday, and is targeted for completion before the start of the rainy season in about two months.

It will be backed up by mine fields and concentrations of U.S.-supplied M-48 tanks, howitzers, "Dragon" anti-tank missiles and infantry units, the military sources said.

They said construction is being carried out by the National Security Command, using bulldozers and other earth-moving equipment brought in from mobile development units in the provinces.

When the first construction began about two months ago, a border police commander said, Thailand's irrigation department asked that the trench be dug for agriculture as well.

As a result, he said, it is wider than originally intended and eventually will be filled with water and used to irrigate some 4,000 acres of rice land along the border.

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# Salvador uprising leaves 53 dead

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador March 18 (AP) — Leftwing militants turned a general strike into a bloody uprising Monday, battling security forces in pitched gunfights around the country that left at least 53 persons dead.

The agriculture ministry was heavily damaged by a bomb blast early Monday, but there were no reports of casualties. Most of the agriculture agencies in the country's 14 provinces suffered similar attacks in what police called a synchronized terrorist operation.

Shortly after the bombing in the capital, shots were heard near the University of San Salvador.

A thousand soldiers and security guards surrounded the university, and sporadic gunfire was heard from within.

The university has been used as a base for several of the leftist activist groups fighting to overthrow the civilian-military junta that has ruled for the last five months. Unofficial sources said there are "arsenals of arms and propaganda" inside the university.

## 10 women die in blaze at London hostel

LONDON, March 18 (AP) — A fire killed 10 women early Tuesday in a hostel by the Roman Catholic Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by Nobel peace prize winner Mother Teresa of Calcutta, authorities said. Police said several nuns were among the dead.

Neighbors said they rushed to help as screaming occupants of the hostel for homeless women, in a working class Irish community in North London, tried to get out of the three-story brick building. There were at least 11 survivors, and some of them leaped six meters to the ground.

One official said there appeared to have been some breach of fire regulations in the building. The cause of the blaze was under investigation. There had been numerous St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the area that went on late into the night.

The blaze started about 4:45 a.m. local time. While some of the residents leaped to the ground, firemen carried three others to safety, and neighbors put up their own ladders to help some to the ground.

The injured were taken to a nearby hospital and other survivors to another hostel also run by the Missionaries of Charity.

"The flames were very fierce. We have no idea at this stage what caused it," said a senior fire officer.

One neighbor, Cyprus-born George Agathangelou, 36, owner of a small hotel next door, said he was awakened by his wife screaming that there was trouble outside.

"I rushed out in my pajamas and dressing gown," he said. "I saw smoke and flames coming from the window next door. They were shouting and screaming."

"The nun in charge of the hostel was throwing buckets of water over the fire. She seemed to be in a state of shock."

He said down-and-out women residents at the hostel included alcoholics and there was often trouble there.

Another neighbor, Mrs. Cicely Hunt, told reporters: "The first we heard was quarreling in the early hours. Then we heard screaming and a nun shouted, 'Help, help, we're on fire, open the door.' I phoned for the fire brigade but by the time they came the fire was very bad."

"This is craziness," said Col. Marco Aurelio Gonzalez, the press chief for the national guard. "This fight has no reason, because the government is already implementing the very reforms the leftists demand."

He confirmed 28 guerrillas perished when they tried to attack an army patrol at the Hacienda Colima, 48 km northeast of San Salvador. There were no army casualties reported.

He said the guerrillas, members of the Popular Revolutionary Bloc, tried to seize the Hacienda from persons planning its expropriation, then opened fire when police arrived.

Twelve persons reportedly died in a gun battle between leftist guerrillas and army troops at Suchitoto, a small town about 36 km from San Salvador. There were no further details.

Six more people died when they tried to set up roadblocks on streets at the perimeters of the capital, Gonzalez said, adding that police broke up the roadblock attempts.

Firefighters in the capital city also claimed the lives of six persons.

No reporters or officials had entered the university grounds but one young man, who fled the scene said "there are dead and wounded."

A police spokesman on the scene told reporters "we know there are a lot of arms inside the university." Leftist organizations and militant students use the university for rallies and demonstrations against the government.

It has a sprawling, weed-infested campus with gullies and numerous unit paths running between largely isolated buildings.

## Castro outlines economic woes

MIAMI, Florida, March 18 (AP) — President Fidel Castro has told his countrymen that Cuba's economy survives only through Soviet support yet is also hamstrung by that dependence, the *Miami Herald* reported Tuesday.

Castro told the national People's Government Assembly that Cuba's economic problems are compounded and the revolution undermined by a selfish "indiscipline" among its people, the newspaper said.

The president painted a devastating portrait of the economy and national will in a "state of the union" address given in December but previously unreported. The *Herald* said in Tuesday's editions. The newspaper did not say how it obtained a transcript of the 62-page speech. The speech mentions street crime, worker absenteeism, high unemployment, "symptoms of corruption" and a large number of people who are "accustomed to daily stealing." The *Herald* reported.

Black fungus all but destroyed the island's \$100 million tobacco crop this year and a "plant rot" reduced its vital sugar harvest, Castro said.

"Some have said we are experiencing difficulties," he said. "This gives the impression that we are crossing a current, a river. It would be better to say that we are sailing in a sea of difficulties. We have been in this sea for some time and we will continue in this sea. The shore is far away."

Castro wondered aloud about a nation that could send "teachers" and advisers around the world to other developing countries, but couldn't make a decent set of work clothes.



**BELGIAN RIOT:** A march last week by 2,000 demonstrators seeking to retain Flemish rule for towns in east Belgium turned into a riot at St. Martens-Voeren. Marchers clashed with horse-mounted police and about 22 French speaking opponents to Flemish rule. A man was shot, 13 persons received other injuries, and 11 persons were arrested. At left, a Flemish protester gives a gesture of triumph after a car is overturned. Flemish students take cover in a cemetery, right, as stones begin flying between opposing sides.

## Nationalists resent loss of land, language

# 'Keepers of Wales' terrorize English homeowners

LONDON, March 18 (AP) — English businessman Robert Davies found "English Go Home" slogans on his walls and an unlit candle standing in a dish of kerosene outside the front door of his house near Bala in north Wales recently.

It was a warning from resurgent Welsh nationalists who since have set fire to at least 26 English-owned houses and cottages since Dec. 13 in a campaign to terrorize outsiders into leaving Wales.

"We're watching you" was another slogan daubed on the walls of Davies' house within the confines of Snowdonia National Park.

Last week he got a letter signed by "Cadwyr Cymru," Welsh for "Keepers of Wales," that warned: "We'll be back — this time in earnest."

The 34-year-old Davies, who sold his construction business in England four years ago to move to a small farm in Wales with his wife and three children, said: "We're beginning to fear for our safety."

The arson attacks come amid a swelling tide of political and economic discontent in Wales, an ancient Celtic nation which fought the English for centuries before being subjugated in the 16th century.

The extremists see the English presence in their mountainous land as an alien culture relentlessly swamping the Welsh heritage and language.

Cadwyr Cymru, which has claimed responsibility for the burnings, says it has links with

the Irish Republican Army's "Provisional" wing and the Spanish Basque separatist movement ETA.

Authorities doubt the extremists can turn Wales into another Northern Ireland, where the almost exclusively Roman Catholic IRA is fighting to end British rule, but they concede that hostility is rising.

John Jenkins, a founder of the pro-independence Mudiad Amddiffyn Cymru who served a 10-year prison sentence for bombings in the late 1960s, declared: "The choice before Wales in the 80s is either to develop as a large English suburbia or to develop as another Northern Ireland to achieve our demands."

No one has been injured in the arson attacks yet.

There are an estimated 20,000 English-owned houses in Wales, most of them used only a few weeks a year as vacation hideaways.

This has long stirred resentment among the lower-paid Welsh who have to wait years just to get municipal houses. Nationalists claim English "foreigners" have pushed up house prices beyond the reach of ordinary Welsh families.

No political group in Wales has publicly applauded the cottage-burnings, but there is considerable passive support for the arsonists.

The extremist revival comes amid grave economic decline in Wales, united politically

with England since 1536.

Coal and steel, the two major industries in Wales, are threatened with widespread closures that will worsen already high unemployment. Wales currently has 90,000 jobless, 50 per cent above the British average. The planned closures will boost that to 125,000. Average income in Wales is only 60 per cent of the national norm.

Grumbling labor unions are threatening major strikes to protest moves they say will turn Wales into an industrial wasteland.

Extremist resentment was brought to a boil last spring when 2.7 million Welsh voted 4-1 against a referendum for limited home rule and by the rejection in December by the British government of an exclusively Welsh language television channel.

"We're facing a national crisis of de-industrialization and the extinction of the Welsh national culture and identity," says

Gareth Miles, national organizer of the Welsh Socialist Republican Party.

"These fires represent direct action by people who probably feel they have no other means of communication."

Dafydd Wigley, one of three Plaid Cymru, or Welsh nationalist, legislators in the British Parliament, said cultural and social issues have compounded economic fears.

"Large areas of west and north Wales are in danger of being no more Celtic in character than any part of England," he said. "What military conquest has failed to do over two millennia is now being accomplished by the checkbook invasion of the last two decades."

The militant Welsh language society says it is sabotaging television transmitters. Two have been attacked this year.

Plaid Cymru is urging Welshmen to refuse to pay TV licence fees.

## Escort dies in Madrid bomb blast

MADRID, March 18 (AP) — Terrorists killed the armed escort of an army general Tuesday with a bomb outside his Madrid home, but the general and two other military men escaped unhurt, police said.

A bomb placed under the seat of a motor bike exploded 10 yards from Maj. Gen. Fernando Esquivias as he walked toward his car with an aide and his driver.

His escort, waiting beside the motor bike

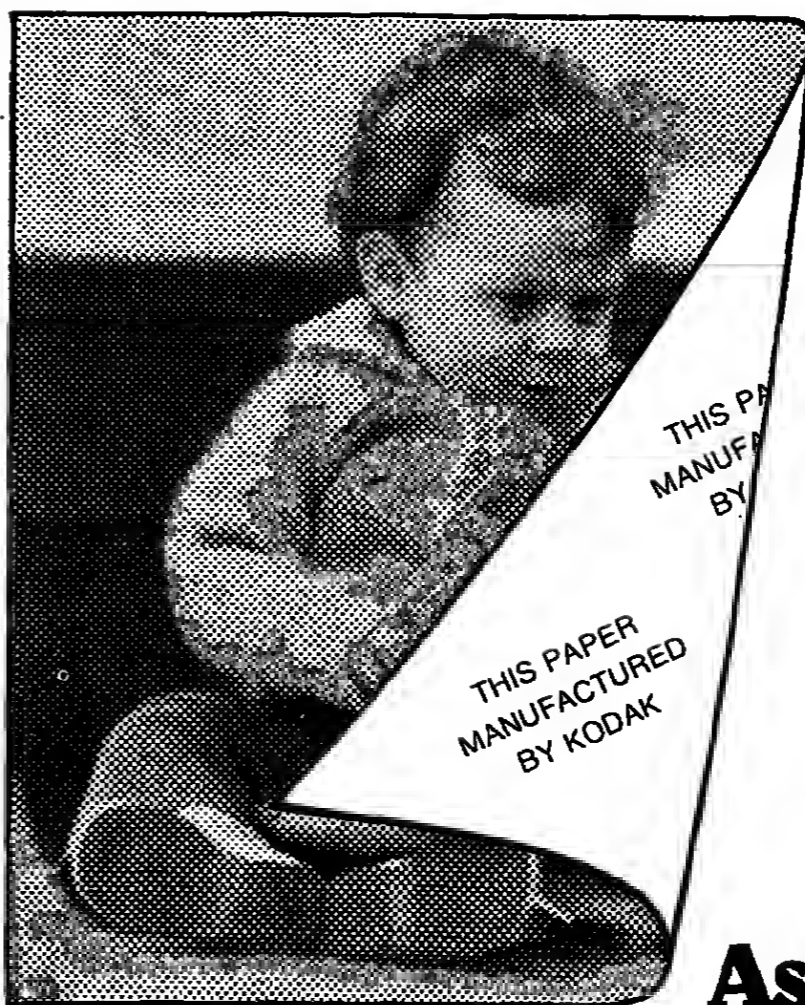
was killed instantly, police said. It was the 30th slaying by terrorists in Spain this year.

Neighbors said Esquivias, a supply officer, followed the same route to his car daily.

The general's wife, who said goodbye to him a few minutes before the bomb exploded outside his apartment building, told reporters it was a miracle her husband was not hit.

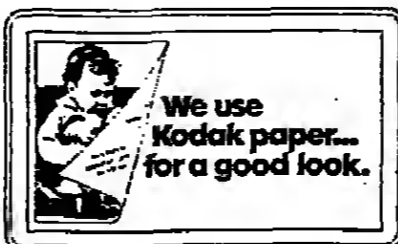
Police said the general's aide, Lt. Col. Manuel Miller also escaped unhurt.

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## Iran suspends natural gas sales to Soviets

TEHRAN, March 18 (Agencies) — Iran has suspended exports of natural gas to the Soviet Union because the Russians insisted on a price that was about half the world market level, Tehran radio quoted Iran's president and oil minister as saying.

The broadcast Tuesday quoted President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr as telling the newspaper *Bamdad*: "We have been selling gas to the Soviets at a price of 60 cents a cubic meter compared with a world market price above \$4. Our proposal was around this price, but they insisted on a price of \$2.20."

Bani-Sadr also was quoted as saying Iran's losses resulting from natural gas agreements concluded by the Shah's regime amounted to an "unacceptable" \$131 million a year.

The radio quoted Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar as saying the Soviet negotiators left Tehran after rejecting Iran's demands to increase the price of Iranian gas to bring it in line with world prices. It said Iranian natural gas exports to the Soviet Union were suspended Monday night.

Government officials in Tehran said last week Iran would rather burn its natural gas than sell it to the Soviets at the price they were demanding.

Bani-Sadr told reporters after a meeting of

## Kuwait increases propane's price

BAHRAIN, March 18 (R) — Kuwait has raised the price of its propane gas exports by 3.7 per cent from \$276 to \$300 a ton effective from March 1, the authoritative *Middle East Economic Survey* (MEES) reported Tuesday.

The price of butane gas remained unchanged at \$332 a ton, the Nicosia-based oil industry journal said.

Kuwait has been increasing gas prices on a monthly basis since last August.

MEES also reported that Saudi Arabian gas prices for this month remained unchanged at the February levels of \$275 a ton for propane and \$330 a ton for butane.

the ruling revolutionary council that the Soviets could not accept the fivefold price increase sought by Iran.

The Soviet delegation, which held four rounds of unsuccessful talks during a week-long visit here, offered to pay about three and a half times more than the price it paid during the deposed Shah's rule.

"We could not accept that price and we do not want to give our gas free to any country," Bani-Sadr said.

Iran, which says it has the world's second largest gas reserves after the Soviet Union itself, supplied 10 billion cubic meters to the Soviet Union per year from 1970 through the Igat One pipeline.

Since the revolution last year, it has reduced supplies and sought to increase the price from 76 cents per million British thermal units (BTU) to 3.63 dollars, a price which it says is in line with international market rates.

Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar said that the Soviet representatives had offered to pay 3.5 times the old price and that Iran could not accept this.

He told reporters after the revolutionary council meeting, "We asked them for the new price and they didn't accept it. That's why they left."

The Soviet delegation, led by Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Nikolai Osipov, arrived here a week ago to continue talks held when an Iranian delegation visited Moscow last month.

Osipov told Tass in a statement after the inconclusive talks that Iran's position was "unconstructive and somewhat strange."

"Some Iranian officials declared in the manner of an ultimatum that if the price for gas offered by the Iranian side was not accepted then Iran would burn the gas rather than sell it," he was quoted as saying prior to departure from Tehran.

Because of the Iranian position, he went on, the Soviet team had proposed that the talks be suspended "so that Iranian experts could study in detail all the pertinent economic and commercial issues involved."

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.28	7.45	7.35
Deutsche Mark (100)	179.00	185.00	178.80
Swiss F (100)	187.00	193.00	188.00
French F (100)	76.00	77.00	76.65
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	40.00	39.00
Lebanese Lira (100)		99.00	97.60
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	87.50
Egyptian Pound		4.50	4.45
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.15	12.10
Jordanian Dinar		11.25	11.05
Emirates Dirham (100)		90.00	89.80
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.50	91.20
Bahraini Dinar		8.92	8.90
Iranian Riyal (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.00	73.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)		84.50	88.50
Indian Rupee (100)		—	41.05
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.00
Gold kg.		52,000.00	—
10 Tolas bar		6,100.00	—
Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.40	—	13.50
Canadian Dollar	2.82	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	110.00	118.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	162.00	—	164.00
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	50.50	51.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	81.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	1.55

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## Americans urged to sacrifice Inflation endangers U.S. security, Carter says

WASHINGTON, March 18 (R) — President Jimmy Carter said that surging inflation endangered U.S. security and he urged Americans to accept sacrifice.

He told an Urban Affairs Conference Monday the anti-inflation program he outlined last Friday would mean reduced federal aid to cities and less for those defense programs not directly related to combat readiness.

Details of the proposed spending cuts aimed at balancing the new federal budget for the first time in 12 years are being withheld until late this month.

That means they will be made public only after important presidential primary elections in Illinois and New York next Tuesday, two states which would be heavily affected by expected cuts in programs for the poor and the cities.

But initial reaction from the business community has been one of "too little, too late."

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange declined in active trading led by banking issues as investors reacted to new credit restrictions imposed under the president's package.

"The administration overpromised and underdelivered," the head of a major electronics corporation said.

The chief of a large food company said the presidential program was essentially symbolic.

"It's too late for symbolism; something

more substantive would be in order," he said.

The president promised on Friday to cut \$13 billion in government spending to help achieve a balanced federal budget in the financial year beginning on Oct. 1.

Many business executives doubted that the proposed cuts, which a Chicago banker called "an absolute minimal effort to fight a massive problem," would get through Congress, especially during this election year.

"Already every special interest group is chipping away at the programs," a Philadelphia banker said. "By the time the conflicting pressures have worked themselves through the Congressional deliberations, there isn't going to be much left (of the spending cuts)."

Some financial experts had doubts about the other key proposal to double the budget, a fee on imported oil that will add 10 cents to the cost of a U.S. gallon of gasoline (3.8 litres) which now averages more than \$1.20.

Many economists said the rise in the cost of fuel would be inflationary in itself and could create other inflationary pressures.

The higher price of fuel at the pumps could also adversely affect the American car industry, which in turn affects many other industries.

In an effort not to depress further the car, construction and other key industries,

purchases of cars, homes and other large items were excluded from the new credit restrictions imposed by the Federal Reserve Board.

The "Fed" imposed a wide range of new restrictions on banks and other lenders, such as credit card companies and big retailers, to stop people borrowing now in hopes of paying back with inflated "cheaper" dollars later.

Carter said he sought a balanced approach that would not jeopardize national goals or programs to help the poor and others hurt by inflation.

"But in the end, there is no sugar-coating this pill," he said. "This is strong medicine. It is bitter medicine."

The president said rising oil prices and interest rates had "ignited a firestorm this year that could permanently change the world economy and our way of life."

Inflation threatens to rage out of control, he said.

"Decent health care, home ownership, business prosperity, a better life for working families, help for the elderly and poor, justice for Americans burdened by inflation — these and other dreams can and will slip away if inflation continues."

"Even more important, inflation is a grave peril to our national security. Unless controlled, it will sap our strength, our world leadership, our national unity, and with it, our ideals."

## Japan discount rate rises to 9 %

TOKYO, March 18 (R) — The Bank of Japan Tuesday announced a 1.75 per cent increase in its official discount rate to help to curb accelerating inflation and support the sagging yen on the foreign exchange market.

The rate of nine per cent, the highest since immediately after the 1973 oil crisis, is effective from Monday.

The increase in the rate, the annual interest charge, by the central bank on loans to Japanese commercial banks, is designed to tighten credit and make the yen more attractive to foreign investors.

It is the fifth time in 11 months that the rate has been raised, indicating the central bank's determination to support the yen and curb oil-fueled inflation.

Government sources say the move will probably be followed by increases in other officially-controlled rates, such as long-term interest and postal savings rates, as well as fresh anti-inflation package expected Tuesday.

## Venezuela plans measures to counteract current oil glut

CARACAS, March 18 (AP) — Venezuela says there's a glut of some three million barrels a day of petroleum on the international market and it will announce new measures soon to maintain prices and correct supply-demand imbalances.

Last Saturday, Venezuelans announced a production cutback of some 10 per cent, or 250,000 barrels per day, to two million barrels per day.

President Luis Herrera Campins said Sunday that his government is consulting with other OPEC nations on the situation and on conservation measures revealed by U.S. President Jimmy Carter last week.

Carter announced a new gasoline tax in a

## Pakistan, EEC discuss imports

ISLAMABAD, March 18 (AP) — Ministry of Commerce Secretary Ishaq Haq left Monday for Brussels for talks between Pakistan and the European Economic Community.

The talks are held annually to strengthen economic and trade relations. This time they are expected to center on the report of an EEC mission which visited Pakistan in February.

Pakistan is expected to ask for larger imports by EEC members. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, Pakistan imported \$917 million worth of goods from the EEC, more than double its exports of \$411 million to all nine EEC members.

move that could possibly reduce demand in Venezuela's largest foreign market.

Herrera did not provide details on what steps this major oil producing nation would take but said "we must adopt new measures very soon."

An energy ministry working document published by the newspaper *El Nacional* Monday said the world market oil glut is expected to be about three million barrels per day during the second quarter of 1980.

The working paper says U.S. stocks of residual fuel oil were 49 per cent higher as of March 9 than a year ago. Fuel oil sold by Venezuela mainly to the U.S. eastern seaboard refineries accounts for about 20 per cent of Venezuela's total daily exports.

Fuel consumption in the northern hemisphere slackened due to a mild winter, conservation measures are reducing demand for oil, and industrial national economic growth is slowing and thus affecting the market, the ministry document said. It added that some 300,000 barrels per day (bpd) of new oil from non-OPEC exporting nations has also come on the market.

Meanwhile, a knowledgeable foreign oil company source said Venezuela is having difficulty selling excess oil.

"Venezuela's bread and butter is heavy oil," he said. "And its market for heavy crudes is cratering at a time when they bailed out of traditional long-term sales contracts and decided to sell more to smaller companies."

"The smaller companies are not able to buy as much oil as the majors during a time of glut."

## Jordan receives \$25m from U.S.

AMMAN, March 18 (AP) — The United States granted Jordan a total of \$25.7 million Monday to help offset a budget deficit, provide technical assistance and finance feasibility studies for development programs.

A government statement said \$20 million of that total will partially bridge the revenues-expenditures gap in the 1980 state budget, \$3.2 million to technical assistance for agricultural projects, and \$2.5 million to feasibility studies for development.

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Directorate of Education, Al-Washm	Cleaning of school offices in Al-Washm educational zone	15/17	Free	April 19
" "	Additional works at the scouting center in Shagraa	16/17	Free	April 21
" "	Construction of two schools in Al-Washm zone (sixth instalment)	17/17	100	April 26
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Sinking of a well in Tuwal and Al-Qadima in Jeddah district	53/M1	300	March 22
Directorate of Education, Medina	Construction of the 10th lot of schools	12	200	April 19
" "	Implementation of electrical works in schools	15	200	April 21
Ministry of Education	Construction of a chemical analysis building at the Directorate of Archeology, Riyadh	12/M	2500	April 5

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102.31	DN 0.40	or 0.35%	TNT	2.30	2.25
102.31	DN 0.40	or 0.35%	Toorkeys	(NT)	(NT)
294.44	DN 0.25	or 0.20%	Union Carbide	2.16	2.15
			Utah Mining	4.25	4.06
			Watsons	0.53	0.60
			West	0.57	0.57
			Westernland Sands	0.23	0.26
			WPM	(NT)	(NT)
			Woodside Pet.	2.10	1.89
			Woodworths	1.43	1.43

Closing		Closing	
Mar. 14	Mar. 13	Mar. 13	Mar. 14
Price/Fr.			
438.00	438.00		
52.10	52.00		
438.00	447.00		
158.10	160.20		
508.00	508.00		
895.00	920.00		
1600	1625		
1920	1920		
47.30	45.50		
18.00	18.20		
135.00	135.00		
1035	1035		
325.00	325.00		
290.50	300.10		
320.00	320.00		
160.00	160.00		
430.00	430.00		
128.50	128.00		
467.00	467.00		
1297	1339		
330.00	337.20		
321.50	321.50		
218.50	220.10		
254.00	260.00		
168.00	170.00		
245.00	247.00		
118.00	119.00		
130.00	130.00		
50.00	50.00		
337.50	340.00		
1435	1438		
201.00	201.00		
330.00	344.00		
61.10	62.90		
52.50	52.00		
70.00	70.00		
406.00	405.00		

Tokyo		Osaka	
Closing	Closing	Closing	Closing
Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Mar. 13	Mar. 14
Prices Yen			
Asahi Elec. Chem.	202	202	202
Bank of Tokyo	224	224	224
Banyo Pharm.	485	485	485
Canon Camera	600	585	585
Daikoku Kanyo Bank	405	390	390
Daiwa Bank	497	497	497
Fuji Photo Film	468	470	470
Fujitsu	444	443	443
Hitchi	240	237	237
Kogasu	420	447	447
Kobe Steel	445	445	445
Kajima	281	280	280
Kansai El. Power	845	858	858
Kawasaki Steel	345	345	345
Komatsu	353	342	342
Kubota	357	367	367
Matsushita	669	669	669
Mitsubishi Chemical	222	223	223
Mitsubishi Electric	190	187	187
Mitsubishi Ind. Int.	172	172	172
Nippon Ind.	260	260	260
Nippon Steel	480	480	480
Nippon Electric	278	280	280
Nippon Oil	2,130	2,180	2,180
Nippon Steel	124	125	125
Nissan Motor	630	630	630
Pioneer	1,750	1,730	1,730
Shion	538	535	535
Shiro	371	371	371
Shiseido	905	902	902

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148.00	142.90	Sandoz	(Non-voting)	3750	3750
13.20	12.30	Sandoz	(Non-voting)	458	463
70.90	69.50	Sauer	(Sauer)	.....	529
		Schibler	(Schibler)	1300	1300
		SSH		400	400
336.00	335.50	Suter	(Reg)	2800	2830
256.00	258.00	Suter	(Non-voting)	770	770
44.90	45.00	Swissair	(Swair)	777	772
107.50	112.30sd	Swiss Bank Corp.		398	395
156.00	160.00	Swiss Re	(Re)	5700	5700
458.00	462.00	Talbot		1830	1830
732.00	736.00	Volkswagen		2360	2395
37.18	36.00	Zurich Am (R)		13300	13400
156.00	160.00	BASLE			
334.00	335.00	Roches Baby		5700	5750
32.35	34.50	Roche Div.Cort.		57000	57500
618.00	611.00				
27.00	26.30				
224.20	225.00				

**STOCKS**

xx = Ex all; x = Ex corp issue; vd = Ex dividends; rt = Ex rights; (NT) = Not Traded; SUSP = Suspended; UNAV = Unavailable.

**BONDS**

Kunstal Bond Market and recent Kunstal  
Dinar Bond Issues quoted where available  
from source.

USA	1.8385	1.8017
Britain	4.9530	4.0280
France	6.9940	5.9280
Canada	1.5981	1.5480
Netherlands	1.5080	0.8085
Switzerland	1.4000	104.4000
Belgium	6.148	6.150
France	42.785	42.700
Germany	32.350	32.350
Norway	36.430	35.140
Sweden	42.130	42.130
Italy	2.152	2.147
Australia	13.958	13.970
Spain	2.663	2.663
Portugal	3.700	3.080

Japanese Yen	339.51
Greek Drachma	\$4.549

**GOLD**      الذهب

### Closing Gold Prices (in US Dollars per troy ounce)

London	Mar. 13	Mar. 12
	\$57.80	\$57.59
Zurich	\$71.84	\$72.29
Frankfurt	\$73.98	\$74.00
Paris	\$53.50	\$58.50

<b>COPPER</b>		المنجنون	
Market summary			
Wirebars	1002-1004	July	1673-1678 1675-1684
Cash	992-1000	September	1700-1698 1700-1698
Three months	1013-1017	November	1700-1698 1700-1698
Sales	21,250 tons	December	1700-1698 1700-1698
	14,640 tons	March	1700-1698 1700-1698
		Sales	4,165 tons of 6 months
<b>SPERM</b>		الزيتون	
Cathodes	992-1000	Other Mkt Arabics	186.67 186.67
Cash	969-970	Other Mkt Arabics	172.46 172.46
Three months	959-967	Comp. Daily Prices (1976)	172.46 172.46
Sales	500 tons	80 Day Moving Average	176.62 176.62
		Other Mkt Arabics	186.67 186.67
		Comp. Daily Prices (1980)	212.20 212.20
		Other Mkt Arabics	186.67 186.67
		Comp. Daily Prices (1985)	186.67 186.67

LEAD		رصاص	
	¢ per tonne		مكافئ
Cash .....	493-493	493-495	
Three months .....	497-498	497-498	
Three months .....	4,220 tons	5,600 tons	
Sales .....		Market steady	
NICKEL		نكل	
	¢ per tonne		مكافئ
Spot .....	3015-3035	2970-2990	
Three months .....	3140-3150	3100-3120	
Sales .....		42 ¢ tons	
		Market steady quiet	
RUBBER		مطاط	
	¢ per tonne		مكافئ
April .....	68.80	68.90	70.10
May .....	68.80	68.90	70.10
June .....	70.25	70.45	71.80
July-Sept. ....	73.70	73.78	76.50
Oct.-Dec. ....	77.60	77.60	80.50
Jan.-March ..	80.65	80.70	82.25
April-Sept. ...	83.70	83.80	85.25
Oct.-Dec. ....	86.70	86.80	88.25
Jan.-March ..	89.65	89.70	91.25
		Market closed quiet	

SILVER <span>سيف</span>	
Prices per 100 tons	
Spot	1035-1040 1152-1155
Three months	1035-1040 1152-1155
June	1035-1040 1152-1155
Market steady at lower levels	
TIN <span>تین</span>	
Prices per 100 tons	
Standard	7820-7830 7930-7940
Cash	7820-7830 7930-7940
Three months	7810-7815 7930-7940
June	7820-7825 7930-7940

SUGAR <span>سكر</span>	
Corinth, Conn.	
October	215.00-216.00 216.00-217.00
December	216.00-217.00 216.00-217.00
February	216.00-217.00 216.00-217.00
Future volume	11,036 lots of 50 tonnes each
Tons Easter	
WOOL <span>صوف</span>	
(Greasy Wool)	
October	(NT) (NT)
December	(NT) (NT)
February	(NT) (NT)

Market sheet		
High Grade		May (NT) (NT)
Cash		July (NT) (NT)
Three months		October (NT) (NT)
July		December (NT) (NT)
Sales		
780-7950	7930-7940	
7910-7915	7930-7940	
98 tone	98 tone	
Market idle		

Due to inactive trading there were no lots traded

COTTON		قطن
March 14		
Liverpool spot cotton and shipment prices in U.S. cents per pound (prevailing levels in U.S. cents per pound, surpluses in U.S. cents per pound)		
£ per tonne		
Cash	338-337	338-338
Three months	322-323.5	322-323.5
Sales	4,250 tons	4,050 tons

<p><b>MARKET SUMMARY</b></p>		<p><b>U.S. Memphis (1 1/16 inch stock midding)</b>  Mar-Apr 95.75 offered (95.50).  U.S. California (1 1/8 inch stock midding)  Mar-Apr 95.50 offered (102.50).  Soviet (1 1/16 inch stock midding)  Mar-Apr 95.00 offered (100.00).  Egypt Giza 66 (1/4, 134 offered (UNQ).  Sudan Barakat 116 (134).  Mar-Apr No. 35, 125.75 offered (UNQ).  Mar-Apr No. 25, 115.75 offered (UNQ).  Mar-Apr No. C68, unquoted offered (105.15).  Paraguay (1 3/32 inch)  Mar-Apr 34.00 (95.00).  Mexico (1 1/16 inch stock midding)  Mar-Apr 95.00 offered (95.00).</p>													
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World	114.5	115.2	DM 8.3												
Europe	104.5	104.4	DM 4.9												

U.S. (1)	116.0	116.1	DN 7.3
U.K.	153.8	153.9	DN 4.8
Japan	246.3	246.4	DN 3.1
Canada (2)	186.6	186.4	DN 10.3
France	84.4	84.5	DN 3.0
Germany	117.4	119.6	DN 5.1
Australia	188.3	118.0	DN 1.4
Spain	51.5	81.5	DN 1.2
Sweden	85.3	89.6	DN 3.4
Netherlands	84.0	84.2	DN 3.3
Italy	91.0	92.3	DN 3.0
Belgium	100.9	101.7	DN 5.5
Sweden	204.8	103.9	UP 2.4
Norway	221.9	217.2	DN 11.4
Denmark	136.6	117.6	DN 0.4
Austria	132.7	132.0	DN 0.5

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and for Northern Dark Spring)

	Prices in US Dollars
Feb-March	207.00 206.00
March	207.00 206.00
April-May	201.00 200.00
May-June	202.00 200.00
June-July	202.00 200.00
July-August	206.00 204.00

**SOYBEAN MEAL**

Spot	231.00 230.00
Feb-March	233.00 232.00
March	236.00 237.00
Nov-March	255.00 250.00

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**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE** - Here's how to work it:  
A X Y Z L B A A X R  
= L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Simple letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**CRYPTOQUOTES**

LAFEX BL F AFKXQFXH CEFC  
CFUHL GDB BCL ZGFC. LRBCL  
GK BCL EFKJL. FKJ XGHL  
CG MGWU. - ZFWA LFKJQWZ  
Yesterday's Cryptquote: THERE CAN BE NO RAINBOW WITHOUT A CLOUD AND A STORM - J. ELVIN

### Contract Bridge

**B. Jay Becker**

#### Famous Hand

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ 6 2  
♥ A Q 10 5 4 3 2  
♦ K J 5 4  
♣ -

**EAST**

♠ 10 9 8 4  
♥ Q 9 8 5  
♦ 10 7  
♣ 9 8 5 3 2

**Tricks:**

	West	North	East	South
♠	10	20	20	3 NT
♥	5	Pass	Pass	Double
♦	5	NT	Pass	Pass
♣	Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead - king of hearts.

Some deals are more dramatic than others, and quite often this is largely because of a combination of unusual circumstances. For example, take this hand played in the 1972 spring national pair championship. There were 732 pairs in the event and the outcome was that Barry Crane and Dr. John Fisher finished in a dead tie with Merle Tom and Matt Grossvetter. Each pair scored 800 1/2 match points. Probably even more remarkable was the fact that this was the third year in succession that Crane and Fisher had won the event!

The accompanying deal was played when the two pairs met head-on in the final round of the four-session event. Crane was West and opened one spade. Tom bid two diamonds. Fisher said two spades, and Grossvetter bid three notrump.

Crane stirred up the cauldron a bit by leading to five spades, and South doubled when that bid came around to him. North wisely did not stand for the double - Crane would have made the contract with an overtrick - but in doing so North made the overly imaginative bid of five notrump, heavily sticking by his decision after West had doubled.

Had North bid six diamonds and bought the contract at that price, he would have made the slam easily against a spade lead, or gone down after a heart or club lead. But the actual final contract - five notrump doubled - was sheer murder.

Crane led the K of another heart. Fisher took the third heart lead with the queen, returned the ten of spades, and when the smoke had cleared, Grossvetter had gone down nine tricks - 2,600 points! All of which goes to show how championships are won, lost or "bls!"

## ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

### PRAYER TIMES

WEDNESDAY

	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:15	6:32	12:36	3:39	6:34	8:04
Medina	5:15	6:29	12:38	4:03	6:35	8:05
Nejd	4:43	5:02	12:05	3:30	6:03	7:33

### DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's show	Yogi's Galaxy Goof-Ups: Space Pirates
5:13 The Champions	Survivors
6:03 Mork & Mindy	Mork Gullible
6:27 Special	Lure of the Dolphin
7:23 Racing Game	Gambling Lady
8:12 Stinky & Hutch	Plague - PT 1
9:00 Ghost Stories	Half Death
9:45 McCloud	Bonnie and McCloud

### PHARMACIES

(Open Wednesday Night)

JEDDAH		Tel.
Alman Pharmacy	Near Dagastani Hospital	75255
Al-Oluwah Pharmacy	Sabeel St.	40319
MECCA		
Al-Sawaf Pharmacy	Ajiyah	28049
Al-Jabab Pharmacy	Mu'abdh, Near Flying Squad	---
TAIF		
Bati Pharmacy	Shahar	---
Taif Pharmacy	Behind King's Hospital	---
DAMAM		
Al-Hayat Pharmacy	Al-Adamah locality	30881
AL-KHOBAR		
Al-Manar Pharmacy	Mecca Road	41235
HOFUF		
Al-Najah Pharmacy	Municipality St.	23419

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On SW at 11.855 Mhz in 25 meter band  
On MW at 1485 Kilohertz in 202 meter band

**WEDNESDAY**

Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	9:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran	9:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	9:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Key to their success	9:10 Light Music
2:20 On Islam	9:15 Top of the Pops
2:30 round and about	9:45 Companions of the Prophet
3:00 NEWS	10:00 A viewpoint
3:10 Press Review	10:10 Music
3:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
3:20 Science Journal	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
3:30 A Selection of Music	10:30 Sound Sweet and Strange
3:40 ---	11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook
3:50 Closedown	11:10 Music
	11:15 Sound Latin
	11:45 on Islam
	12:00 Concert Choice
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	01:00 Closedown

### VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	10:30 VOC Magazine
8:05 Reports: Actualities	America: Letter Cultural: Letter
8:30 Opinion: Analyses	11:00 Special English: News
8:30 Dateline	11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)
9:00 News Summary	VOA WORLD REPORT
9:05 Special English: News: Feature. The Making of a Nation	Midnight
9:30 News Summary	
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.
10:00 News Roundup	
10:05 Reports: Actualities	
10:05 Opening: Analyses	

### BBC

**Morning Transmission**

8.00 World News	4.00 World News
8.09 Twenty-Four Hours	4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
8.30 Sarah Ward	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8.45 World Today	5.15 Report on Religion
9.00 Newsdesk	6.00 Radio Newsreel
9.30 Opera Star	6.15 Outlook
10.00 World News	7.00 World News
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours	7.09 Commentary
10.30 Sarah Ward	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
10.45 Something to Show You	7.45 World Today
11.00 World News	8.00 World News
11.09 Reflections	8.09 Books and Writers
11.15 Piano Style	8.30 Take One
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	8.45 Sports Round-up
12.00 World News	9.00 World News
12.09 British Press Review	9.09 News about Britain
12.15 World Today	9.15 Radio Newsreel
12.30 Financial News	9.30 Farming World
12.40 Look Ahead	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.45 The Tony Myatt	10.39 Stock Market Report
	10.43 Look Ahead
	10.45 Ulster in Focus
	11.00 World News
	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
	12.15 Talkabout
	12.45 Nature Notebook
	1.00 World News
	1.09 World Today
	1.25 Financial News
	1.35 Book Choice
	1.40 Reflections
	1.45 Sports Round-up
	2.00 World News
	2.09 Commentary
	2.15 The Face of England

**Evening Transmission**

1.15 Ulster in Focus
1.30 Discovery
2.00 World News
2.09 News about Britain
2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
2.30 Sports International
2.40 Radio Newsreel
3.15 Promenade Concert
3.45 Sports Round-up

### Your Individual Horoscope

— Frances Drake —  
FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1988

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈  
In spite of a few hitches, a financial deal works to your benefit. If selling or buying, don't take the first offer. Shop around.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉  
You'll make a more favorable impression on others than you realize. Don't take the lack of immediate feedback as a rebuff.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) ♊  
A loved one who tries to get you out of yourself will find a place instead in your heart. What starts as a down ends as an up!

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) ♋  
It will take a while for a friend to make up his mind, but the answer will be positive. A party may lead to new friends and romance.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌  
You have the power of persuasion now. After hesitation, others see your viewpoint. Increased social status for party goers.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍  
Don't find reasons not to relax. An invitation for travel could be offered. The past finds you in a happy frame of mind.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎  
Negotiations about financial or job matters will have a happy ending. The p.m. finds you sexy and attractive to others.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏  
Don't back away from sensitive topics. A good talk clears the way to a new relationship. Share moments with loved ones.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐  
Use leisure hours to work on a project you truly enjoy. A friend may tell you of a job or socialize with co-workers.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑  
You'll have to weave your way tactfully with others. A child or loved one who seems difficult has a happy change in disposition.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒  
A talk with a family member is not enough. Follow this up with a show of affection. The p.m. promises good domestic times.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓  
You're effective in speech now. Neighboring visits will be especially pleasant. Good news brings happy thoughts to the fore.

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# Election 1980



President Carter, in the East Room, and Sen. Kennedy, campaigning



*Ronald Reagan enters the Illinois primary as the frontrunner*

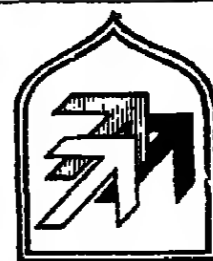


Puerto Rican terrorists attacked this campaign headquarters in Chicago early March 15.

*Vice President Mondale bites his lip as he hears of the terrorist attack on his Chicago campaign headquarters.*



FBI agent Ken Walton checks the sign-in book for fingerprints at George Bush's New York headquarters after a Puerto Rican attack.



## Violations discussed by Revolutionary Council

# Khomeini's kin alleges vote fraud

TEHRAN, March 18 (Agencies) — The clergyman brother of Ayatollah Khomeini Tuesday gave voice to a chorus of complaint against alleged election rigging in last Friday's parliamentary poll.

In a cable to President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, Ayatollah Passandideh alleged that representatives of the clergy-dominated Islamic Republican Party (IRP) had cheated during the elections in his hometown of Khomeini in central Iran.

Passandideh, the revolutionary leader's elder brother, accused the IRP of intimidating voters to vote for its candidates.

The ayatollah has been a public supporter of Bani-Sadr, whose candidates have been overshadowed in the early returns by those of the fundamentalist IRP.

Passandideh's cable was not taken to be a reflection of the views of Khomeini, who has so far made no public comment on the conduct of last Friday's election. Bani-Sadr said

the many complaints of vote-rigging were to be discussed by the ruling Revolutionary Council in its meeting Tuesday night.

In a published reply to Passandideh's cable, Bani-Sadr said: "I cannot remain indifferent to unsound elections."

Counting was proceeding slowly Tuesday, the eve of a week-long holiday to celebrate the Iranian new year. So far candidates sponsored by the IRP are holding a majority of seats decided in the first round. Seats where there was no clear winner will be decided in a second round in about three weeks time.

No results are yet known for Tehran, where 433 candidates contested 30 seats. But early figures from a number of polling stations showed wide support for centrist former Premier Mehdi Bazargan as well as a number of IRP nominees and candidates of the radical Muslim Mujahedin organization.

The IRP and the Mujahedin have been swapping charges of electoral fraud since the polls closed on Friday night. Mujahedin leader Masoud Rajavi Tuesday called on the authorities to announce immediately the number of votes cast in Tehran to prevent the count from being rigged.

The IRP has a number of representatives in the Revolutionary Council, including its powerful secretary Mohammad Beheshti, and they are expected to concentrate the blame for any vote-rigging on the Mujahedin and other left-wing groups.

But many prominent figures, including clergymen, have cited the IRP as the main offender at the poll, accusing it of using illicit election-day propaganda and of influencing illiterate voters to support its candidates.

Bani-Sadr has said the poll will be declared null and void if cheating proves to have been widespread and serious.

Parliament, when it convenes for formal business in mid-May, will have the task of deciding the fate of the American hostages held at the U.S. embassy here.

A former woman employee of the Iranian

Foreign Ministry Victoria Basiri, has been arrested and has confessed to passing information to an American official now among the embassy captives.

A revolutionary guard statement issued Monday night said bostage William Dougherty had admitted receiving information from Miss Basiri.

He is among those hostages alleged by their student captors to have been an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Meanwhile, the United States argued its case before the World Court over the detention of the hostages.

The court ordered Iran to free the hostages last December. But Iran has ignored the ruling and boycotted the court.

The U.S., in its presentation, charged that Iran has violated international law. The U.S. is seeking a ruling that Iran should pay reparations and should put on trial the Islamic militant students who stormed the embassy on Nov. 4 to press demands for the extradition of the former Shah.

In another development, Iranian Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar accused "conspirators" in the country's Khuzestan province of attempting to shut down the national oil industry following an attack on a senior official inspecting a refinery, Tehran Radio reported Tuesday.

The radio, monitored in London, said three workers employed by the state-owned national Iranian Oil Corp. attacked and wounded the supervisor of the country's refineries last Sunday.

The radio, in the first announcement of the incident, said the unidentified official was attacked last Sunday while inspecting the major refinery at Abadan on the Gulf.

The oil province, populated by Arabs, is one of Iran's regions where ethnic minorities seek greater autonomy from the central government led by Khomeini.

## Gold slips as dollar soars

LONDON, March 18 (AP) — The dollar climbed to its highest levels in Frankfurt and Milan for more than 18 months Tuesday and steadied against other European currencies in response to President Jimmy Carter's anti-inflation program.

Gold prices fell after dropping below \$ 500 an ounce Monday for the first time since Dec. 24.

In Frankfurt, the dollar was fixed at 1.8770 marks, the highest official pegging since mid-June last year.

The Bundesbank sold off an estimated \$ 200 million to support the mark, dealers reported.

In Milan, the U.S. currency soared to 374.05 lire, its highest rate since Jan. 19, 1976, at the fixing. The lire has been weak recently over fears of an impending government crisis.

Dealers said the Bank of Italy sold \$ 20.6 million and was known to have intervened on a big scale as the dollar's value improved.

Dealers predicted "a bit quieter" day after Monday's chaotic trading.

London's big five bullion dealers "fixed" the morning gold price at \$ 474 a troy ounce, down from \$ 477.50 at Monday's close. The afternoon fixing was \$ 481.50.

One dealer cited a return of Arab oil

buyers to metal markets for the steadier gold price, although he added: "For once the Arabs would be justified to be in dollars (rather than gold) in view of their present strength and the possibility that interest rates may increase slightly further."

In Zurich, gold sold for a median price of \$ 476 down from \$ 489.

In Hong Kong earlier in the day, gold dropped \$ 12.59 to \$ 466.33.

Silver fell in London to \$ 18.25 an ounce from \$ 20 late Monday — less than half its historic peak of \$ 49 on Jan. 13.

Gold was last below \$ 500 when it closed at \$ 485.50 in London just before the Christmas move into Afghanistan by Soviet troops led panicky investors and speculators to rush into bullion and sent the gold price rocketing to a record \$ 875 an ounce, recorded in New York on Jan. 21.

A major reason for gold's subsequent fall has been the strength of the dollar on the tide of record-high interest rates in the United States, making dollar investments attractive to foreigners.

In Tokyo before European banks opened for the day, the dollar closed lower at 248.80 yen from 249.425 Monday after Japan's Central Bank raised its official interest rates in a bid to contain inflation and improve the country's worsening balance of payments.

## Indonesian hero Hatta dead at 78

Dr. Haji Mohammad Hatta, who with Sukarno declared Indonesia independent of Dutch rule, died Friday in Jakarta. He was 78.

Hatta became the new republic's first vice president after independence in 1945. He also served as defense minister, prime minister and minister of foreign affairs before retiring from public life in 1956.

Hatta was active in the independence movement since his student days. The Dutch colonial government imprisoned him for political activism, but he was released after he delivered an impassioned speech at his trial entitled "Indonesia Free."

It was the first of several prison terms Hatta served before emerging a national leader at the close of World War II.

He was the author of works on economics, philosophy and public affairs.

## Castro offers refuge to guerrillas

BOGOTA, March 18 (R) — Cuban President Fidel Castro has offered to let the guerrillas occupying the Dominican Republic's embassy in Bogota fly to Cuba with their hostages, and the Colombian prisoners the guerrillas want released, the Colombian government has announced.

Cuban Ambassador Fernando Revelo passed the offer last Friday to President Julio Turbay Ayala, who said he would bear it in mind, the government said. Its receipt was announced Monday.

Meanwhile diplomatic sources said Venezuelan envoy Virgilio Llovera, one of 11 ambassadors among the hostages, had suffered a fit of dizziness early Monday and not a beat attack as at first thought.

The text of the Cuban message to Turbay

said the three groups should be flown to Havana if the Colombian government thought it would help relieve the crisis.

The leftwing guerrillas, members of the radical M-19 group, want to fellow leftists released from Colombian jails.

The Colombian government has refused, saying the 70 are guerrillas convicted of criminal offenses or awaiting trial.

Turbay told Revelo he was grateful for the offer, the statement said.

"I consider the action of the government of Cuba as an undoubted manifestation of friendship in a difficult moment," he was quoted as saying.

The hostages have been held captive for 19 days since the guerrillas stormed the embassy on Feb. 27.



AT POLLS: Iran's President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr visits a polling place in Tehran on the first day of balloting in the parliamentary elections. Widespread complaints of fraud followed announcement of the results. Fundamentalist candidates won the majority of seats.

## Tito develops internal bleeding

BELGRADE, March 18 (R) — President Josip Broz Tito, already in very grave condition, slipped further Tuesday with the development of massive bleeding in the stomach, his doctors said.

A medical bulletin, issued by the panel of eight doctors treating the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader, was the gloomiest since he fell ill more than two months ago.

Tito, staying at the clinical center in the northern city of Ljubljana, is suffering from a wide variety of ailments, including heart weakness, cardiac rhythm disturbances, complete kidney failure, pneumonia and

diabetes. Official sources said the president was unconscious most of the time and his body temperature was fluctuating wildly.

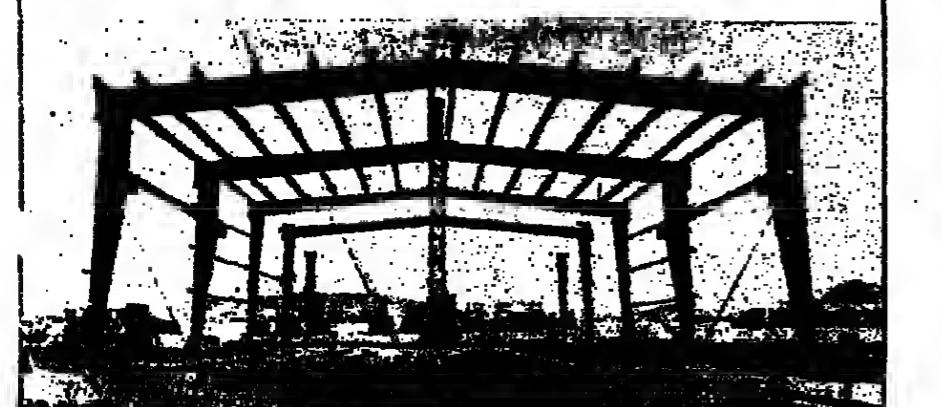
Tuesday's bulletin said: "During the past day the state of health of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito has further worsened, primarily because of heavy bleeding in the stomach which is the consequence of an existing general tendency to bleeding. Intensive treatment is continuing."

Tito, whose left leg was amputated 59 days ago, suffered a relapse on Feb. 10, and his health has deteriorated steadily since then.

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*Good Morning*

By Jihad Khazen

Among this column's many aims, astute readers will have noticed, the one nearest and dearest to its heart is that of placing in readers' hands hard won nuggets of wisdom to enhance the substance of their discourse. This noble aim — again it could not have escaped the readers' notice — has been pursued with selfless ardor, with no thought for gain except, pride and manly modesty commingling in the breast, that one's idea of duty, was done. Truth was, if not possessed and disseminated, at least given a good run for its money.

But one fears, dear reader, that such lessons are not always capable of smooth administration. At times, as any embattled educator can tell you, you have to be cruel to be kind. It is only by administering a salutary shock that the recipient can be made to sit back and take notice. And here is mine for today which you are invited to take in the spirit in which it is offered: For the spirit of enlightenment for all.

In your daily conversation, dear reader, how many times do you... find yourself resorting to expressions without troubling to find out what they really mean. How often do you ponder whether their substance justifies the uses to which you put them. Dear reader, I must dare say it: Half the time you don't know what you are talking about... But don't, pray, turn away in anger. We are only doing our duty to learning: And what are a few ruffled feathers to such a great cause?

For example: How many times have you used the expression, "A king's ransom." Do you know, to the penny (or pfenning as it happens) what is a king's ransom? No you don't. So sit still and listen: The ransom the English paid for their king Richard the Lion-Heart, held by Emperor Henry VI of the Holy Roman Empire, was precisely the sum of 150,000 marks and nil pfenning. A tidy sum. Therefore go on using the phrase.

But, do you know that every time you say darkly, "Blood is thicker than water," that you are more or less talking nonsense. I say "more or less" because although blood is in fact thicker than water it's not that much thicker — in fact taking water's gravity as one the gravity of blood in comparison is merely 1.06. Kindly desist from such twaddle in the future.

And, you would say, a shade unkindly that so and so "eats like a horse". But a horse eats no more than around seven times its weight of fodder a year. A modest amount, you are bound to agree. But a sparrow eats ninety times its weight in the same period. So, and despite the esthetic loss (which you more than make up for by your adherence to scientific truth), it is "He eats like a sparrow" from now on.

And... and... and... But I think the point is made. Class dismissed!

Translated from Ashraf Al Awwad

## From Rhodesia, N. Ireland

## Britain bars Soviet press

LONDON, March 18 (AP) — Soviet newsmen have been stopped from covering Rhodesia's recent elections and from visiting the strife-torn British Province of Northern Ireland, the British foreign office reported Tuesday.

The foreign office disclosure came after *Izvestia*, the Soviet government newspaper, accused the British of breaching the provisions of the 1975 Helsinki agreement which laid down that there should be free movement of journalists of the 35 signatory countries.

A foreign office spokesman, pressed on the issue by reporters at a daily news conference, said of the ban on Soviet media representative visiting Rhodesia:

"Because of practical difficulties, no visas to Soviet correspondents were issued during the sensitive period preceding the Feb. 27-29 election. This bar reciprocates much harsher Soviet measures against Western correspondents."

The spokesman said London-based Soviet journalists have been advised not to go to Northern Ireland and he explained: "have informed representatives of Tass official Soviet news agency and *Izvestia* British authorities were unfortunately unable to make facilities available for interview requested."

He added: "In those circumstances correspondents were told that it would best if they did not make their trips."

Several Communist bloc news attended the foreign office briefing, but asked any questions.

The British spokesman was asked whether the denial of facilities to Soviet news could be taken as a British reprisal against Moscow over the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

"No comment," he replied. Privately Irish officials said there was no doubt that Afghan crisis has influenced British attitude.

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